

YAXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Yaxley Cemetery is laid out and run as a lawn cemetery with all areas, other than the beds at the head of the graves, being kept under grass. To conform to the current requirement of the Parish Council, the only types of memorial permitted are a headstone or a vase block, to an approved pattern and size, which must be installed in the bed after nine months from the date of burial, and must be in line with adjacent graves.

The grass lawn area must be kept clear at all times to allow the Council staff to mow the grass. Care must be taken not to trespass onto adjacent graves (including vacant reserved plots) and items must not be placed right up to the edge of the grass to allow for mowers to pass easily.

Old flowers, wreaths and other floral tributes must be disposed of in the waste containers provided. Please return the available watering cans to their collection point.

ITEMS PERMITTED WITHIN BED AREA –

ALL ITEMS MUST BE 6 INCHES AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE GRASS. (Bed area measures 3ft 4 inches (1.01M) long by 18 inches (0.45M) wide)

1. Shallow rooted plants such as dwarf shrubs, lavender, roses including planted flowers and bulbs may be planted.
2. Ornaments, plaques, ceramics, teddy bears etc in moderation. Flower sprays, flower vases and plant pots – please secure all plastic flowers in plastic pots so that these are not scattered by strong winds.
3. Wreaths are allowed only at the time of burial and also at Christmas.
4. Kerbs are permitted provided they are of a minimal height and have been agreed by the Council in writing.

All above must be 6 inches away from the edge of the grass to allow grass maintenance. If overcrowding of the bed areas occurs the extra items will be removed and grass cutting may not be able to be carried out due to possibility of damage or injury.

TEMPORARY PERMISSIONS

1. When a burial takes place, the earth mound can be used for the placement of flowers, wreaths etc. For a temporary period until the turf is replaced. Shrubs and trees may not be planted on the earth mound.
2. Christmas wreaths are permitted, these should be removed by the end of January.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED

1. Deep rooted plants and no trees of any species.
2. Food and drink is not permitted within the cemetery as this can attract vermin and will be removed.
3. Balloons are not allowed.
4. Electric lights including battery operated, and solar powered are not allowed.
5. Any additional items to the headstone require written permission from the Council.
6. Vaults for the interment of cremated remains have an integral vase and no other vases are permitted. Items placed in the grass behind the vault will be removed.

The Council reserves the right to immediately remove items from on or behind memorials if deemed offensive, unseemly or dangerous.

GENERAL

It is possible that some infringements of the rules and regulations may not be brought to the attention of the Council for some length of time. However, this does not make these legitimate and they may be removed irrespective of the length of time that has passed.

There may be occasions when the Council will grant permission for items that would otherwise be in conflict with these rules and regulations. Such permission will only be granted in writing after application to the Council and this permission cannot be used as a demonstration of precedent to argue for similar concessions in future.

All visitors, carers, staff and Councillors are requested to help to maintain the ambiance of our cemetery by keeping it neat and tidy and if anyone should see a problem then please report it for our attention – contact the Clerk 01733 241958 or email clerk@yaxleypc.org.uk

Thank you for your co-operation in observing these rules and regulations enabling a high standard of maintenance of the cemetery for the benefit of all. Any queries regarding these rules should be directed to the Clerk.

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