

## Burial Ground Regulations

The Parish Burial Ground is a place of tranquillity set alongside All Saints' Churchyard. To keep this area pleasant for other people, purchasers of grave plots, visitors and suppliers are required to adhere to the following Regulations. All references to 'the Parish Council' refer to 'Epping Upland Parish Council'.

### ALL GRAVES

1. All Exclusive Rights to the Grave are purchased for 100 years from the date of the Deed, at the end of which period an additional fee may be payable as determined by the Parish Council from time to time
2. If, after twelve months of a Burial, the area remains untended the Parish Council reserve the right to turf the whole area.
3. No artificial flowers, plants or ornaments may be placed on any grave.
4. No Memorial, either permanent or temporary, may be placed on a grave without the prior consent of the Parish Council and will be removed without notice, if necessary.
5. All Memorials are erected on the condition that such Memorials remain at the owner's sole risk, the Parish Council shall not be held responsible for any damage or breakage which may occur to same.
6. All applications for installation of, or revisions to, a Memorial must be accompanied by a detailed drawing of the proposal.
7. All rubbish must be removed from the Burial Ground as there are no facilities for rubbish on the site.
8. Use of weed killers, poisons eg slug bait or any form of trap is prohibited
9. Suppliers must agree with the Parish Clerk dates and times to be on site for maintenance, grounds, grave digging, memorial installation or any other works.
10. The Members of the Parish Council and Parish Clerk provide a valued service within available resources. Abusive and offensive behaviour is not tolerated and action may be taken against the perpetrator.

### BURIALS

11. No permanent Memorial shall exceed 4 ft height, 2 ft width and 1 ft depth (including plinth) and shall be no material other than stone.
12. No concrete or other substance is to be visible at the base/plinth of the Memorial, where appropriate the adjacent area is to be turfed or seeded at installation.
13. Small plants may be placed on the grave area, but must be kept tidy by regular weeding and maintenance.
14. Permanent Memorials may not be placed on any grave before six months have elapsed from the time of Burial.
15. All Memorials must be kept in good repair by the grave owners. Failure to do so may result in the Memorial being removed by the Parish Council if it is considered to be a danger to the public and a charge may be made to the grave owner.
16. A *temporary* wooden cross, not more than 2 ft high may be placed on the grave immediately following a Burial, *providing* it is replaced by a permanent stone Memorial within 12 months of the Burial.
17. Once the initial sum for purchase of a plot has been made, no further charges are made for upkeep of the area. Grave owners are advised therefore that for ease of maintenance, the Parish Council does not allow new kerbstones or fencing on any grave regardless of when it was purchased.

### CREMATED REMAINS

16. Only one Memorial (plaque) per plot may be installed.
17. Each plaque shall not exceed 10" X 10" square and sufficient space should be allowed for subsequent inscriptions.
18. For safety reasons and ease of ground maintenance all plaques must be placed flat and level with ground surface.
19. All Memorials must be kept in good repair by the grave owners. Failure to do so may result in the plaque being removed by the Parish Council if it is considered to be a danger to the public.
20. No plants may be planted in the Cremated Remains area.

The Parish Council reserves the right to alter or amend these Regulations without prior notice

Any queries with regard to these Regulations must be referred to the Parish Clerk