

Regulations relating to Gore Cemetery and Arreton Churchyard

ARRETON PARISH COUNCIL AND BURIAL AUTHORITY

1. The Grounds are divided into Consecrated and Unconsecrated portions, as shown on the Plans at the Office of the Burial Authority, and any duly authorised or recognised Minister or priest may officiate, provided that the Service be decorously conducted.
2. Notice of the requirement of interment is to be given to the Registrar between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at least two working days previous to any interment.
3. The Notice shall be in the form provided by the Burial Authority and shall contain the following details:
Surname, first names and age of the person to be buried
The date of death
Address of the deceased
The day and hour of the intended burial
The situation, description and depth of the Grave
Whether purchased or unpurchased
Name of the Minister intended to officiate
4. All fees and charges in respect of interments are to be paid to the registrar at the time of giving Notice above mentioned, and the Certificate for Burial should be delivered to the registrar by the person in charge of the funeral.
5. The selection of the spot is, in all cases both of general interment and of purchase, to be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority, but the wishes of applicants will be met so far as may be deemed expedient. Plot B is reserved for parishioners only, except in cases where a grave space was purchased before April 1992.
6. No burial can take place before 8 a.m. or after sunset without the special permission of the Burial Authority
7. Not more than one Body shall be buried in any grave, except the grave be purchased for the exclusive use of a family. When more than one Body is interred in any grave, a layer of earth at least twelve inches thick must be left between each coffin therein.
8. No coffin shall be buried in any grave within 1.25 metres of the ordinary level of the ground, unless it contain the body of a child under 12 years, when it shall be not less than one metre below that level.
9. Coffins of wood only or eco-friendly biodegradable material will be allowed.
10. All graves are to be dug and excavated under the management, regulation and control of the Burial Authority
11. Whenever a burial has taken place, the grave will be filled up with earth, and the surface covered with turf to the level of the ground but in no case will the bare earth be left exposed. No trees or shrubs are to be planted on any grave. All surplus earth from an interment must be taken to the point specified. A review will take place when a memorial is installed and the grave must be levelled down to the surrounding area by the funeral director or the person installing the memorial.
12. No monument or stone shall be erected on or laid on a grave, except where the exclusive right of burial has been purchased. All double depth graves must be purchased at the time of the first interment, if not previously purchased. Prior to any second or subsequent interment in a purchased grave, the written consent of the owners or their heirs must be obtained.
13. All grave stones monuments and inscriptions are to be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority and a drawing showing the form and dimensions of every monument and a copy of every inscription must be left at the office of the Burial Authority for approval, and the appropriate fee paid with such lodgement. Once this has been given, no alteration may be made without the permission of the Burial Authority.

14. No monument is to exceed 1.5 metres in height from the ground without the special permission of the Burial Authority, and no grave or monument is to be surrounded or enclosed with any railing, fence or kerbing.

15. All material, gravestones and monuments shall be conveyed into the Burial grounds by hand or in trucks with wheels of not less than 10cm tyres, all surplus materials must be removed from the grounds and any damage done must be repaired and made good at the expense of the contractors responsible. When mechanised vehicles are used for the digging of graves, where possible they must avoid driving over existing graves. Where these are impossible to avoid, the ground must be boarded to avoid damage before any vehicles are driven into the vicinity.

16. Where graves are dug more than one day prior to a burial they must be taped with stays and appropriate safety tape.

17. Wreaths and cut flowers only may be laid on any grave. They must be removed when they appear withered. No more than two vases or wreaths of artificial flowers may be placed on a grave, except at the time of burial. No glass containers are to be used on any graves. The Burial Authority reserves the right to remove inappropriate material.

18. A Register of Burials is kept at the office of the registrar, where at all reasonable times searches may be made and certified extracts obtained upon the payment of a £10 fee.

19. Any person who shall

- wilfully damage or destroy any building, wall or fence belonging to the Burial Authority
- destroy or damage and injure any tree or plant within the area of the burial grounds
- wilfully destroy damage or deface and monument inscription or grave stone within the burial grounds
- or do any other wilful damage therein

is liable on summary conviction to a fine. Any person making any unauthorised inscription or doing unauthorised work in the burial grounds shall be treated as wilfully interfering with graves and liable on summary conviction accordingly.

20. Should any individual have reason to wish to deviate from any of these regulations and charges, special application must be made to the Burial Authority through the Registrar.

BY ORDER OF THE BURIAL AUTHORITY

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