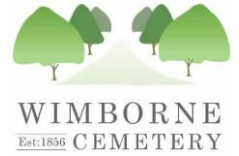


# Cemetery Regulations



1. The Cemetery is open to the public between 9am-8pm (Summer) and 9am-5pm (Winter). The hours of opening will change to coincide with the changing of the clocks and the beginning and end of British Summer Time. Children under 16 years of age will not be admitted unless visiting a grave. Visitors are not permitted to bring any animals into the cemetery except guide or assistance dogs.
2. No private vehicles are permitted in the Cemetery except when accompanying a funeral, displaying a Disabled badge or with permission from the Clerk. A speed limit of 5mph applies to all vehicles.
3. Any person who shall wilfully destroy, damage or deface any building, wall, fence, memorial or inscription; damage any plants or flowers; do any wilful damage; play any game or sport; discharge any firearms (save at a military funeral); disturb any persons attending a funeral or grave, or commit any other nuisance within the Cemetery, will be prosecuted.
4. A register of all burials is held by the Clerk to Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee (WCJMC). Searches can be made, and certified extracts obtained by arrangement with the Clerk. A charge may be made for the search.
5. Notice of any interment must be given to the Clerk of WCJMC at least two working days (excluding weekends and public holidays) prior to any interment. The notice must be on the form provided by the Clerk and all fees paid.
6. Interments can be arranged to take place between Monday to Friday, 10am-3pm (Summer and Winter). No interments will take place on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays except in an emergency.
7. All graves shall be dug and filled in by the Cemetery staff or approved sub-contractors. Graves will be made level with the surrounding ground and no raised graves will be allowed. Planting of the grave space with plants, trees or shrubs is not permitted.
8. On the day of the interment, flowers and wreaths may be placed on the grave. These will be removed when dead or unsightly (at the Cemetery staff's discretion). Only one vase or pot plant may be placed on each grave. This must be placed on the memorial, or if there is no memorial, at the head of the grave. No fencing or supports or rabbit proofing is to be erected.
9. Only memorials approved by the Clerk are permitted on graves. They must be constructed and installed by a BRAMM/NAMM recognised stonemason. They must be made from natural stone and not exceed 3 feet in height, 3 feet in width and 18 inches in depth.
10. All memorials are to have the memorial mason's name engraved on the rear. Lettering and numbers should not be more than three-quarters of an inch (3/4") in height.
11. Memorials are not permitted to be installed onto a full burial plot within 12 months of an interment – even if approval of the memorial has been granted. This is to allow the ground to settle and reduce the risk of subsidence.
12. No form of kerbing, fencing or marking of the whole grave space is permitted. Only **one** memorial is permitted on each grave which shall be erected in the centre of the plot. Wooden crosses are only permitted on a temporary basis and for up to 12 months.
13. Cremation tablets are only permitted in the Gardens of Remembrance. They must be constructed and installed by a BRAMM/NAMM recognised stonemason. They must be made from natural stone and not exceed 2 feet by 2 feet square and 9 inches in height.
14. Applications for a headstone, cremation tablet or additional inscription must be submitted in duplicate and on the form provided by the Clerk for approval. If any questions arise to the appropriateness of any plan or inscription, it will be referred to and determined by the WCJMC.
15. Only coffins, caskets or urns will be allowed in graves or cremation plots. The scattering of ashes is permitted but is subject to normal application and fees and must be carried out under the supervision of Cemetery staff.
16. In no case shall human remains be removed except by the Exhumation Order from the Department of the Environment or appropriate Statutory Authority.
17. Any grave space for which the Exclusive Right of Burial has not been purchased, may be purchased subject to an appointment with the Clerk and sight of original legal documentation.
18. The appropriate Certificate of Authority must be signed by the holder(s) of the Exclusive Right of Burial before a purchased grave can be re-opened.
19. When memorials are removed from graves for further interments or additional inscriptions, such memorials shall be removed and re-erected by a BRAMM/NAMM recognised stonemason and at the expense of the grave owner or person giving the Order. Kerbstones subsequently removed cannot be replaced or re-erected.
20. Memorials shall be kept in good repair. The Clerk, under advice to the Joint Management Committee, reserves the right to remove any such memorials which have become dilapidated or are considered dangerous.
21. The planting of trees, shrubs or plants and installation of plaques or other monuments are only permitted with the consent of the Clerk.
22. The WCJMC cannot be held responsible for any damage to any memorial or any personal property taken into the cemetery.
23. The WCJMC reserve the right to make alterations to the foregoing regulations without notice.