

EAST FARDON PARISH COUNCIL

BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS

Memorials

Memorials should normally be erected on a single plot. The erection of a shared memorial across two adjacent plots is discouraged due to the increased level of maintenance. Memorials are installed at the west end of plots with inscriptions facing east. All headstone / memorials and their wording must be approved by the Burial Ground Committee and must be fixed in accordance with BS8415.

Maximum dimensions:

- Total height including plinth & foundation 100 cm
- Memorial slab width 70 cm
- Single plot plinth & concrete foundation slab where used: width 75 cm transverse 60 cm
- Shared plot plinth & concrete foundation slab where used: width 100 cm transverse 150 cm

Grave Level & Plot

Graves that have not sunk after burial, or have sunk excessively, will be levelled as part of routine maintenance at appropriate times. No kerbstones, gravel or ornamentation other than a headstone or memorial are to be placed on or around the burial plot. The planting of shrubs or trees on or around the burial plot is not permitted.

Floral Tributes

Care of flowers and plants, either in pots and vases or planted in the ground, remain the responsibility of the donor, particularly the suppression of weeds and treatment of disease and infestation. The planting of flowers and/or bulbs is encouraged. The Burial Ground Committee reserves the right to remove plants not properly cared for, or excessively large, or obstructing the plot and adjacent hedge. The plant bed or border shall not exceed a length along the plot of 90 cm from the face of the memorial and width of 75cm. The border edges should be unfenced and allow full, level access for mowing the grass. Bark chippings to deter weeds are acceptable, but granite and other mineral chippings are not allowed due to the risk of damage to mowing blades. All waste, e.g. paper, plastics, etc, to be taken away for disposal/recycling. Dead flowers, etc, to be disposed of in the open compost bin.

Safety

For full details of safety and inspection issues refer to the Burial Ground Memorial Safety Policy available on the village website or from the Clerk to the Parish Council (contact details below).

Disclaimers

The Parish Council and Burial Ground Committee have no liability for damage caused to memorials and floral displays caused by subsidence, the weather, or animals, wild or domestic, though best efforts will be made to keep the boundaries well-maintained and secure.