

Important Cemetery Regulations

September 2019

These Cemetery Regulations have been introduced to maintain an acceptable standard for **The Avenue Cemetery**, Salisbury, Wiltshire. These Regulations must be adhered to at all times.

Terms used in regulations:

- "The Council" means Salisbury City Council.
- "The Cemetery" means The Avenue Cemetery managed by the Council and shall include any buildings therein.
- "The Cemetery Office" covers all the cemetery which is maintained by the Council.
- "Memorial" can refer to a headstone, monument, cross or flat stone.

General regulations:

- Access is permitted from sunrise to sunset (dusk).
- No vehicles will be allowed in the cemetery after dusk unless authorised by the Council.
- Vehicle speed is restricted to 5mph.
- Bicycles, skate boards or similar may not be ridden in the cemetery.
- Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead and should not be allowed to foul the cemetery grounds. If so please pick up and use the bins provided.

For further advice on cemetery regulations:

Contact: The Cemetery Office which is based at:

Salisbury Crematorium, Barrington Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP1 3JB

01722 333632. crematorium@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk. www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk

Grave Spaces (size of plot):

- Adult Grave space: 2.7m x 1.5m (8'9" x 5'0"): up to 3 full burials, followed by up to 6 interments of Cremated Remains.
- Childs Grave space: 1.2m x 0.9m (4'0" x 3'0").
- Cremated Remains Plot: 0.46m x 0.46m (18" x 18").

Spoil:

The Council reserves the right to place spoil, on graves next to those which are being prepared for an interment, without any notice. The spoil will be removed immediately after the interment and the grave will be left in its previous condition.

Funerals:

Immediately after the interment the grave will be backfilled to the level of adjoining ground and any floral tributes will be placed on the grave. Once the funeral floral tributes have been removed, thereafter floral tributes can only be placed on the grave in front of the headstone area up to 0.3m (0.98") and not exceeding the width of the headstone.

Flowers, Wreaths and other Items:

Floral tributes are the responsibility of the grave owner(s) and it is expected that the upkeep of the grave is carried out by the grave owner.

When leaving limited articles on graves, please be considerate of other visitors and our maintenance team. If in doubt please check with the Cemetery Office first before leaving materials/ ornaments.

Items such as glass, oil burners, lamps, solar lights, spikes, windmills, wind chimes and flags are **not** permitted in the cemetery as they can cause injury when broken by the weather, knocked over by wild animals, or get caught up in machinery. Also note that this list will be regularly updated in light of experience.

No Trees, shrubs, plants or bulbs are permitted to be planted on any grave, memorial surround or lawn part of a grave. The Council reserves the right to remove, without notice, any that have been planted.

No benches are to be placed anywhere within the Cemetery.

The Council reserves the right to remove any items at the Cemetery not contained within the footprint of a Full Grave Headstone base 0.9m x 0.5m (3'0" x 1'6") which may be deemed as dangerous, a nuisance or inappropriate.

Flowers are **only** allowed to be left on Cremated Remains Plots 0.46m x 0.46m (18" x 18").

*Grave spaces in the Woodland/ Meadow area may be marked by a small oak stake. In this area there will be no long term permanent markers such as gravestones or headstones.

Artificial grass is not to be laid on graves at any point after interment has taken place or at any other time. Any artificial grass laid will be removed without notice. All graves in the lawn sections of the cemetery will be made good with turf or grass seed during the months that follow burial. All lawn sections of the cemetery will have natural grass covering the grave.

All other waste material should be placed in the bins provided.

Memorials:

- Memorials may only be placed on a grave space for which the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased.
- Wooden crosses are permitted as temporary grave markers in the cemetery, prior to the installation of a permanent memorial but must then be removed from the cemetery *(except in the Woodland/ Meadow areas where they a wooden stake can remain).
- Only one headstone/memorial per grave space is allowed.
- **No** headstones are permitted in the Woodland/ Wild Meadow burial areas or Cremated Remains Plots.
- It is recommended that a headstone is only placed on a grave a minimum of 6 months after the interment. This is to allow the soil to settle.
- No footstones, kerbstones or other forms of surround are allowed on any grave in the cemetery.
- The grave owner may fix a photographic plaque, either ceramic or other material, of an approved size to memorials, if you have the Council's written approval.
- No gardening or cultivation whatsoever is permitted. This includes such things as scattering of bark or chippings, the introduction of any fencing, kerbs or additional grave marking.
- An application for all proposed memorials and inscriptions must be submitted to the Council for approval and all appropriate fees paid prior to any works being undertaken on site.
- All permanent memorials are to be constructed and installed by a competent stonemason registered with the National Association of Memorial Mason's and adhere to their Code of Practice (copy available on request), and to the satisfaction of the Supervising Officer.
- No work is to take place in the Cemetery before 8:30am and after 4:30pm or sunset (whichever is sooner) this includes grave digging.
- No work will take place on Saturdays, Sundays or any bank or public holidays, except by agreement with the Council.
- Monumental masons will be required to suspend work for the duration of a funeral.
- Any damage done in connection with the erection of a memorial must be made good by the person erecting the memorial and the site left in a tidy condition.
- No memorial may exceed 0.91m (3') in height and 0.75m (2'6") in width on a grave spaces/ plot.
- Memorials in the children's burial areas may not exceed 0.7m (2'3") in height.
- The cemetery only accepts flat stones 0.46m x 0.46m (18" x 18") in the Cremated Remains areas.
- All memorial headstones **must** be installed with stainless steel ground anchors which comply with the NAMM or BRAMM Code of Practice.
- All new memorials **must** have the corresponding grave number engraved conspicuously on the bottom left hand side of the reverse of the memorial. Each lawn grave space has a grave number block.
- Memorials installed in the main Lawn Areas of the cemetery are to be installed on a 0.9m x 0.45m (3'0" x 1'6") concrete flag, set below ground level, except by agreement with the Council.
- Fixed memorial may be temporarily removed, without prior notice, to allow a nearby grave to be safely dug in preparation for use.
- The responsibility for the safety and upkeep, including repairs to any gravestone or memorial remains solely with the owner(s) of the grave or their successor(s) in title.
- The Council will make regular checks of memorials. Any memorials found to be unstable will be temporarily supported or laid flat. The Council reserves the right to repair or remove unsafe memorials at its discretion if the owner or successor cannot be found or refuses to arrange repairs.
- The Council reserves the right to remove any unauthorised memorial and charge the cost to the grave owner, or their personal representative.
- **The Council does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to memorials.**

Rights

The Council reserves the right to amend any of the foregoing regulations and to deal with any circumstances or contingency not provided for in the regulations as necessary.

Salisbury City Council as the burial authority have in pursuance of their General Powers of Management contained in the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. These rules and regulations are to be observed in the cemetery under the management and control of the Council.