



## DULVERTON CEMETERY

### Rules & Regulations

*On the occurrence of a death, notice of interment shall be given on the printed form supplied by Dulverton Town Council on which all particulars requested shall be clearly stated.*

*This notice is to be delivered to the Clerk at least three clear days prior to an Interment, or four clear days if a Vault or bricked grave is required, (exclusive of Sunday and public holidays).*

*All fees and charges must be paid in accordance with those set out in the Notice of Interment, and in advance, at the time of delivery of this notice.*

*After notice of interment has been submitted, any alteration in the arrangements shall be subject to the consent of Dulverton Town Council.*

*In selecting the grave space for interment the wishes of Applicants shall be met as far as may be deemed practicable, but in all cases the situation shall be subject to the approval of Dulverton Town Council. No rodding of graves shall be permitted.*

*Burials are not permitted before 10.00 am or after 4.00 pm between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> November, and 2.30 pm between 15<sup>th</sup> November and 28<sup>th</sup> February. Interments are not permitted between 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January, nor the working day either side of a bank holiday without special permission.*

*The appropriate certificate for disposal issued by a Registrar or Deputy Registrar of Births & Deaths or a Coroner's order for burial shall be delivered to the Clerk prior to the funeral. A certificate issued by a Cremation Authority shall be required for the disposal of cremated remains.*

*Coffins or caskets of suitable material shall be used, and must clearly be identified with the name of the deceased. When a burial has taken place the grave will be filled with earth and the surface covered with any flower arrangements and wreaths delivered to the graveside.*

*The flower arrangements etc., when dead, will be removed.*

*The person arranging the burial shall be responsible for the attendance of a Minister of Religion to officiate at the burial service and for the payment of the requisite fee.*

*Graves may be dug by machine unless Dulverton Town Council specifically request that it be dug hand and excavated by a gravedigger approved by Dulverton Town Council. The plot will be reinstated, turfed etc., any excess debris being correctly disposed of.*

*The burial of cremated remains shall be in that portion of the Cemetery set aside for this purpose, unless the right of burial has been previously purchased. Cremated remains shall not be scattered in any part of the cemetery.*

*Not less than three days notice, excluding weekends and public holidays, shall be given for the burial of cremated remains.*

*No burial of cremated remains before 10.00 am or after 4.00 pm between 1st March and 14th November, and 2.30 pm between 15<sup>th</sup> November and 28th February.*

*On the grant of a right of burial for a period of 75 years in a grave space the Grantee shall be entitled to, and shall receive a formal grant signed by the Town Clerk in respect of the same. No grant of burial right is transferable without the consent of Dulverton Town Council.*

*During the reopening of a grave it may be necessary to place soil on a neighbouring grave. If this is the case any such soil shall be removed and any reinstating of ground etc., will be completed within 24 hours of the burial.*

# Memorials

Approval from the Council must be sought before the erection of memorials, tablets, vases or any form of ornamentation are placed in situ. Dulverton Town Council reserves the right to refuse an application on the grounds that the proposals may cause offense to others. Application to erect or place a memorial on a grave space shall be made to Dulverton Town Council giving details specifying materials to be used and a copy of the proposed inscription together with the dimensions and a drawing to scale of the proposed memorial. This must be accompanied by the requisite fee.

*A stone memorial cannot be erected prior to 6 months after the interment.*

*A temporary wooden cross with the grave number and name of the deceased can be placed on the grave for 6 months to enable family and friends to locate the grave.*

*No memorial must exceed the maximum height allowed at 2'9".*

*All memorials must be secured with ground anchor fittings.*

*Memorials must be of natural stone only. Memorials of concrete, wood, pottery, plastic, metal or fibreglass are not permitted with the exception of temporary wooden crosses.*

*Ornaments etc., once approved by Dulverton Town Council, are only to be placed on or around the headstone. Plastic /artificial flowers are not permitted.*

*No kerbs or fixed surface projecting slabs are permitted.*

*Dulverton Town Council shall not be liable for damage to any memorial in the cemetery caused by storm, wind, subsidence or any other substance*

## *Maintenance*

*If memorials become unsafe or unsightly, headstones will be laid flat and kerb sets removed after a period of twelve months. Repairs to any such memorials are to be arranged by the relevant families.*

*Dulverton Town Council reserves the right to maintain the plot in the event that the purchaser fails to do so. Staff will cut grass, prune, cut down and remove any tree, shrub, planter or unsightly memorial and turf /seed over any grave at any time when in their opinion the grave is unsightly and over grown.*

*Planting of grave spaces is not permitted. Planting that exists prior to these regulations will only remain at the discretion of Dulverton Town Council.*

*Dulverton Town Council maintains the right to level the grave should it be necessary.*

*When conditions are suitable graves will be turfed or seeded.*

*Dulverton Town Council does not accept responsibility for any damage or loss occasioned to any person, vehicle, and equipment or otherwise within this cemetery.*

*It is the intention of this Council to maintain this Cemetery to as high a standard as practically possible.*

*By ORDER OF DULVERTON TOWN COUNCIL*

*Dated: 1st July 2016*

