



Humberston Village Council

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HUMBERSTON CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations apply to Humberston Cemetery and all grave and ashes plots contained within it. All registered grave owners and visitors to the Cemetery must adhere to the rules as shown.

General

- It is the policy of the Village Council that the Cemetery is a grassed cemetery and graves will be turfed at a time deemed appropriate by the Village Council. The cost of turfing and ongoing maintenance of all plots is borne by the Village Council.
- There is a separate “children’s” section of the cemetery and some of the rules may be amended in the case of a child’s grave, but these are subject to the full Council’s approval and should be made in writing to the Council for consideration. Should a child’s grave be requested in the main part of the cemetery and not within the children’s section, then all of the rules as shown will apply and must be adhered to.
- Vehicles are prohibited in the cemetery unless permission has been granted from the Clerk.
- Dogs are not permitted within the cemetery except for assistance dogs.
- Persons responsible for grave digging must dispose of surplus soil from a plot to an area agreed by the Village Council within the cemetery. Surplus soil must not be disposed of in the adjoining field.
- Plots can be pre purchased upon application to the Village Clerk.
- All plots carry an exclusive right of use for maximum of 75 years. After such time the plot is once again within the ownership of the Village Council and the Village Council has a right to reuse the plot.
- Floral tributes placed on plots following funerals or at any other times of the year will be removed by the cemetery contractors on behalf of the Village Council after a suitable timeframe and/or when the floral tributes have died back.
- Any items placed within the Cemetery which are not permitted within these rules and regulations will be removed by the Village Council and kept for a short period of time in order for them to be reclaimed. After one month, the Village Council retains the right to dispose of any such items.
- Trees and shrubs are not allowed to be planted into the ground at the cemetery and only smaller scale flowering plants and plants in containers are allowed on the garden area of the plots as shown in the rules.

Cemetery Fees

- There is a two tier fee system in place at the Cemetery. Humberston residents pay a reduced fee as shown on the schedule of fees and non-residents pay the higher fees.
- A Humberston residential address is required to be classed as a Humberston resident, which means the address on the application for a plot MUST be on the Humberston electoral register in force at the time of application. This is certified by the Village Clerk at the time of application. An address outside of the Humberston electoral area is NOT a Humberston residential address for the purposes of cemetery fees.

General Memorial Rules

- All memorials of any type must have permission obtained in writing from the Village Council via the Village Clerk and no memorial of any type can be placed on any plot without such permission.
- Memorial applications must only be made by those lawfully entitled to place a memorial on a plot, ie the plot's owner/deed holder or the next of kin. Any agents submitting an application on behalf of applicants should satisfy themselves that this is the case before submitting an application. Any other applications must show agreement with next of kin/family of deceased before they are accepted.
- All memorials must be insured by those owning the plot and the Village Council reserves the right to remove or lay down or carry out necessary appropriate works to a memorial should it consider any memorial to be unsafe.
- In the event of a memorial being deemed unsafe by the Village Council, should the owner not be able to action insurance works, the Village Council reserves the right to have the memorial removed for safe keeping.
- Memorials cannot be fitted without prior permission from the Clerk to the Council, who will arrange a convenient time for access to the cemetery. No memorials can be fitted without a pre-arranged appointment through the Clerk. These must also be made in a reasonable time frame in advance of the fitting of the memorial.

Burial Plots

1. No fencing, kerbstone or other means of enclosure is permitted around the grave plot as this impedes mowing and may cause damage to the machine. Where existing kerbstones are in place, replacement/refurbishment is allowed, but if replaced it must be ground level kerbing and must be subject to written approval of the Village Council.
2. Ornamental chipping or stones are not permitted as these can cause injury, damage to mowers and fly up and damage grave stones.
3. Each grave space/plot has capacity for two full interments and five sets of ashes as a maximum capacity.

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4. Ashes interments only are allowed within a full burial space provided that the appropriate fee is paid for the exclusive right of use for the burial plot. The memorial size rules will apply for a burial plot in these cases.
5. A grave plot garden is permitted to a maximum size of 3' x 2' from the rear of the headstone. The Village Council retains the right to turn an unkempt plot.
6. Persons wishing to inter American-style or larger caskets, or pre-purchase plots for the interment of such caskets in excess of 28" width, should apply in writing to the Council for approval and it must be made clear upon application for a funeral booking, that a larger style casket is intended to be used. The Village Council insists that two grave plots are required for such caskets for health and safety reasons although acceptance of such caskets is subject to specific approval by the Village Council, determined for each case.
7. A memorial of natural stone to a maximum height of 3' on a base 3" high x 2'6" wide x 2' deep maximum may be erected on a burial plot after 9 months' ground settlement period subject to written approval and fee. These dimensions are irrespective of the concrete foundation base that should be placed in all instances.
8. The Village Council does not accept responsibility for the memorial or any other items placed on the grave. The memorial must be covered by insurance/annual maintenance agreement. The Village Council reserves the right to remove a hazardous or dangerous memorial.
9. A permanent wooden cross to a height of 3 feet (36") is permitted on a grave plot, subject to written approval and fee. A temporary wooden cross is permitted free of charge up to a period of 12 months prior to a permanent memorial being erected.

Cremated Remains Plots

10. A memorial to a maximum height of 18" may be erected on a cremated remains plot, subject to written approval and fee. The overall dimension of the fixed memorial, inclusive of the memorial base and the head should not exceed 18" high, 24" wide and 12" depth (ie from back to front of base). These dimensions are irrespective of the concrete foundation base that should be placed in all instances.
11. The Village Council does not accept responsibility for the memorial or any other items placed on the cremated remains plot. The memorial must be covered by insurance/annual maintenance agreement. The Village Council reserves the right to remove a hazardous or dangerous memorial.
12. Each cremated remains plot has capacity for a maximum of two sets of ashes.

Memorial Fees

Note memorial fees are the same for residents and non-residents and apply to both burial and cremated remains plots.

Full memorial applications £35 Additional inscriptions £25

Scattering of Ashes £25

Cemetery Fees

Humberston Residents

Purchase of burial plot	£150
Interment into burial plot	<u>£350</u>
<i>(caskets will be £375 if agreed)</i>	
Total burial	£500

Purchase of ashes plot	£ 75
Interment into ashes plot	<u>£175</u>
Total ashes	£250

Non-Humberston Residents

Purchase of burial plot	£350
Interment into burial plot	<u>£900</u>
<i>(caskets will be £950 if agreed)</i>	
Total burial	£1,250

Purchase of ashes plot	£165
Interment into ashes plot	<u>£480</u>
Total ashes	£645

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Note that these rules apply until replaced by a new set of rules formally adopted by Humberston Village Council Last amended and in force from Summer 2019