

Memorial safety

The owner of the rights to a grave is also responsible for the safety and upkeep of the memorial on the grave. If it becomes loose, leans or appear to be unsafe, the ERB owner should contact a memorial mason as soon as possible. The cemeteries staff will attempt to contct the Exclusive Right owner if they detect a problem. If this is not possible, the council has authority to take temporary measures to make the memorial safe. The council are not responsible for any damage to any memorials which are placed in the cemeteries at the owner's risk.

Headstones

Headstones should not exceed 4ft in height. The plinth of the headstone may have an integral metal container for flowers Planting flowers/plants or placing gravel/ shingle/ breakable ornaments or vases/ astroturf/ metal or wooden surrounds on any part of the grave is not allowed.

Ashes Memorial

Ashes tablets should be no more than 18 inches by 18 inches laid level with the ground. The tablets may have an integral metal container for flowers. Planting flowers or placing gravel/shingle/ornaments/vases/ astroturf/ metal or wooden surrounds on any part of the grave is not allowed.

The cemetery rules and regulations must be adhered to at all times to ensure the grounds are safe for staff and visitors. Lawn graves are designed to be neatly mown in order to maintain the burial ground to the highest standard possible. Any items which are not permitted in accordance with the cemetery regulations will be removed by the council. Regretfully, the council cannot accept any responsibility for missing items or any damage.

Christmas or remembrance Wreaths

At Christmas/remembrance, many wreaths are placed on graves. They will be allowed to remain for up to 2 months after Christmas and then if not removed by family will be removed and disposed of by our staff.

Children

For their own safety, children under 12 years old are not permitted into the cemetery unless they are in the care of a responsible adult

Dogs

Dogs are permitted in the cemeteries but must be kept on a lead.

A copy of the full Rules and Regulations of the cemetery can be found at

www.fakenhamtowncouncil.gov.uk



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Apart from the odd exception the cemetery in Queens Road is full and all current burials take place in the Creake Road cemetery.

At Creake Road the sections currently being used are designated as a lawned cemetery which means that kerbs and other such items are not permitted. All parts of the cemetery comprising burial plots will be maintained as grassed areas.

What can be placed on graves?

Cut flowers	✓
Silk Flowers	✓
One unbreakable flower vase in centre of grave (Excluding ashes plots)	✓
Plants, shrubs, gardens/astroturf	X
Kerbs	X
Stones/pebbles	X
Decorations that emit light or sound and those on sticks such as windmills	X
Breakable vases/ornaments	X



Example of grave with headstone



Example of Ashes plot

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL OWNER (ERB)

Owning Grave Rights

When the Exclusive Right of Burial to a grave space has been purchased, then a Grant of Deed of Ownership will be issued as confirmation. The lease will last for 50 years from the date shown on the grant. Some of the older grants have longer leases so you will need to check the wording on the document. Please keep the Deed of Ownership safe as it is evidence of ownership to the right of burial. Please inform us if you change your address.

Only the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial can authorise any further burials in the grave, or alternatively have the right to be interred in the grave space provided there is sufficient depth remaining. **It is important to note that the 'right' has been bought and not the land itself, which remains the property of Fakenham Town Council.** The ownership to grave rights can only be passed to other people by a legal process. The Council office staff would be pleased to give advice on the various methods of legally transferring grave rights. A fee for preparing the appropriate documents is payable, in accordance with the published scale of charges

Memorials

If a memorial is to be placed on the grave, or alterations are to be made to an existing memorial (such as adding new wording), then authority from the Council will be required before any works can proceed. The stonemason erecting or changing the memorial will be required to complete a memorial application form, which needs to be signed by the ERB owner. Application forms are available from the stonemasons.