

GUIDELINES TO ALNWICK CEMETERY (April 2017)

HEADSTONES

Maximum size for headstones:

Height 3'6" (105 cms); Width 3'6" (105 cms) and Depth 14" (35 cms).

Designs for headstones need to be approved and should be submitted to the Town Council by email.

Headstone bases will be laid by Alnwick Town Council and need to be requested (please note there is a charge for this).

KERB STONES

Insertion of kerb stones is strictly limited to 2 feet (60 cms) either side from the centre of the headstone and 2 feet 6 inches (75 cms) from the back of the concrete headstone base.

PLANTING

Planting up of graves is strictly limited to the area within the kerb stones or where kerb stones are not used to an area of 2 feet (60 cms) either side of the headstone and 18 inches (45 cms) from the front of the concrete headstone base. All planting should be kept tidy and must not encroach on other graves or paths.

GRAVE DECORATIONS

Alnwick Town Council recognises the importance to bereaved families and friends to be able to decorate graves with flowers and other items. However, we must balance this against the preferences of other mourners.

Wreaths and floral tributes

In the main cemetery, the natural burial area and the children's area, wreaths and floral tributes will be left on grave after the date of the funeral for a minimum of 1 month.

All other floral tributes or wreaths left on graves will be removed and disposed of when they have decomposed.

No glass objects are allowed on health & safety grounds.

Other items

Main cemetery area items MUST BE placed entirely within the area of the burial plot. Any items that are not considered safe or are broken will be removed and disposed of.

Children's burial area items including solar panels and lights, MUST BE placed entirely within the area of the grave surround so as not to obstruct the cemetery staff or other cemetery users.

Natural burial area no other items will be allowed on graves and will be removed and kept safe at the Cemetery Lodge for collection.

Any items placed elsewhere in the cemetery will be kept safe at the cemetery lodge for a period of 2 months after which they will be disposed of.

If we receive complaints from other cemetery users about particular grave decorations, we will generally remove those items and keep them safe for collection from the Cemetery Lodge.

If you have any queries please contact the Cemetery Superintendent on 01665 602598.

NOTE:

1. Permission must be obtained for the erection of a headstone, cross, inscriptions etc. and is subject to a charge.
2. Any contravention of the above will be rectified by the town council and may incur a charge.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

Bill Batey
Town Clerk