

CREWKERNE & WEST CREWKERNE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE
TOWNSEND CEMETERY, CREWKERNE

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Rules and Regulations

1.0 Conduct

- 1.1 All persons shall conduct themselves in a quiet, decent and orderly manner and must keep to the paths except when visiting a grave.
- 1.2 Cycling, skateboarding, roller skating or playing of sports/games is not permitted in the cemetery.
- 1.3 The taking of commercial photographs and filming is not permitted in the cemetery except with the prior approval of the Committee for which a fee may be charged.
- 1.4 No person shall unreasonably interrupt Town Council staff whilst they are engaged in their duties nor seek to employ them privately to execute work within the cemetery. Council staff are not allowed to receive gratuities.
- 1.5 No persons shall canvass or solicit orders in the cemetery grounds.
- 1.6 Alcoholic drinks shall not be consumed in the cemetery.
- 1.7 Dogs are allowed in the cemetery provided that they are on a lead.
- 1.8 No smoking within the cemetery.
- 1.9 All vehicles are restricted to the main drive apart from authorised vehicles and disabled scooters.
- 1.10 All damage caused to any boundary wall, fence, ground, paths, memorials or to any part of the cemetery must be repaired to the satisfaction of the Committee by the party causing the damage.
- 1.11 The setting off of fireworks or other pyrotechnics is strictly forbidden, unless explicit permission is granted beforehand by the Committee.
- 1.12 No glass containers or items containing glass may be placed on any grave. Seasonal wreaths may be placed but will be removed after two months.

2.0 Interments

- 2.1 All interments are to be arranged through the Town Council office, and at least two working days' notice must be given prior to a burial taking place.
- 2.2 Only caskets of wood or other biodegradable materials shall be used for interment.
- 2.3 Following an interment, floral tributes placed on the grave will be removed after three months if they become unsightly.

3.0 Memorials (including wooden crosses)

- 3.1 Applications for new memorials or additional inscriptions on existing memorials must be submitted in writing through a NAMM-approved stonemason. Wooden crosses must be approved by the Clerk to the Joint Burial Committee.
- 3.2 Memorials must be maintained in a good and safe condition.
- 3.3 The Committee has the authority to remove or alter memorials in any way they deem necessary for the due order of the cemetery. Before taking any action the Committee will attempt to contact plot owners.
- 3.4 The Committee reserves the right on Health and Safety grounds, to take immediate action regarding any headstone which could reasonably be suspected to represent a danger.
- 3.5 The Committee may remove any object considered to be a hazard to public safety or to cemetery staff, from any grave without notice.
- 3.6 Plants and flowers placed on the grave space must be maintained in a tidy condition.
- 3.7 The Committee may remove or order to be removed any permanent planting as it sees fit.
- 3.8 Permission must be obtained from the Committee for memorial shrubs, trees and seats to be placed in the Cemetery.
- 3.9 The erection of fences, borders, railings or any type of surround is not allowed. Flat stone, chippings, gravel or shingle is not allowed.

4.0 Garden of Remembrance

- 4.1 No plaque may be affixed to the Garden of Remembrance wall without permission being obtained from the Committee in writing.
- 4.2 The Committee cannot be held responsible for any loss of damage to plaques in the Garden of Remembrance.

5.0 Reclamation

The Committee reserve all rights of management of the Cemetery. In particular where a grant of Exclusive Rights of Burial has been made but not exercised after a period of not less than 99 years; or if exercised, after a period of not less than 125 years.

6.0 General

As the Cemetery is in a rural location it is occupied by a variety of wildlife which occasionally causes damage to paths, graves and floral arrangements. The Committee seeks to repair such damage to the best of its ability but cannot guarantee its effectiveness.

In all matters concerning memorials, inscriptions, forms of service and other activities in the Townsend Cemetery, the decision of the Joint Burial Committee is final.

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