

Memorial Rules

Memorials on earthen graves

As stated by Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC), as the burial authority, within the designated lawn sections, the only long-term memorial permitted on a grave is a single headstone.

Monumental masons

Monumental masons must **not** erect memorials until such time as the design, materials and fixings have been approved by the clerk to the parish council, prescribed fees paid and cleared and a permit to enter the cemetery has been issued.

Materials

Memorials will be made from black or grey granite polished/mirror finished on all faces and edges; slate or natural stone approved by the parish council.

Time period to erect memorials

The burial mound must be allowed to settle for up to 6 months prior to erecting memorials, thereafter, arrangements must be made by the family to level the burial mound to a flat condition suitable for easy mowing in the lawned cemetery by the ground's person. The grounds person can be approached to carry out levelling of burial mounds. A cost is involved for this service and paid directly to the ground's person.

Temporary memorials

Temporary memorials such as wooden crosses may only be erected on graves during the first 6 months following interment. Any memorial erected without the approval of the Parish Council will be removed at the expense of the person(s) concerned.

Safety inspections

Where a memorial is found to be unsafe following an inspection by the Council, the Council will make no charge if the deed-holder voluntarily makes the memorial safe on a long-term basis, as required by the Cemetery Regulations and standards. The primary responsibility for the safety and ongoing maintenance of a memorial rests with the deed holder.

Inclusion of photographs* and logos on memorials**

Photographs and logos are not permitted on memorials

Vases incorporated within memorial headstones

All memorials must incorporate at least one vase in the plinth of the headstone. There must be no additional vases placed away from the plinth of the memorial headstone i.e. no vases at foot of the grave.

Planting

There must be no planting in the cemetery other than winter flowering bulbs such as snow drops/crocuses. These will be mown off during the first mowing cut in the cemetery.

Plastic flowers and plant pots

Plastic flowers are not permitted in the cemetery. Plants in pots other than those contained in the vase in the plinth or can stand on the base plinth of the memorial are not permitted.

Wreaths

Wreaths are permitted immediately after burial and during the winter period when the cemetery is not being mown. These must be discarded within the bins provided in the cemetery by Easter.

Pets

If visitors to the cemetery are accompanied by pets these should be kept under control within the cemetery

Memorial Benches

No further timber memorial benches will be permitted in the cemetery (with effect from September 2020). Parish benches will now only be considered made from artificial timber (man-made, recycled plastic material) due to maintenance issues.

Garden of Remembrance

As stated by Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC), as the burial authority, within the designated lawn sections, only one stone vase or block is permitted per plot, not exceeding

200 mm in height and 200 mm in width

Photographs and logos are not permitted on memorials within the garden of remembrance.

Only flowers contained within a vase incorporated in the memorial are permitted.

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council reserve the right to remove any unauthorised item from the parish council cemetery.