

Are there any other issues?

The very nature of cemeteries as burial places, the natural subsidence of graves, and plant root development can cause memorials to become distorted. This can look unsightly and can also be dangerous. The Parish Council ask that at all times while you are in the cemetery, you and your family members, especially children, refrain from touching other memorials.

Important points

- Contact the Parish Council before installing any type of memorial on a grave
- Your memorial is your responsibility – you are advised to insure it
- Unstable memorials can injure or even kill – TAKE CARE AT ALL TIMES !

There is a charge for erecting a memorial in the cemetery. Please contact the Parish Clerk to obtain an up-to-date price list

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Memorials in North End Cemetery, Longframlington

A guide for owners and visitors



Guide for Cemetery Users

You may have been recently bereaved and wish to commemorate your loved one by placing a memorial in the cemetery. To help you through the process there are a number of things you need to know and these are outlined below.

Where do I start?

If you wish to place a memorial of any description on a grave it must be approved by the Parish Council so once you have decided to proceed the first thing to do is contact the Parish Clerk whose details are on the back of this leaflet.

The Parish Clerk will deal with any questions you may have, take your details and send the necessary forms for you to complete and return.

If a memorial is erected without the knowledge of the Parish Council, the council has the right to remove it without informing you.

What types of memorials are allowed?

The clerk will send you full details of the maximum and minimum sizes for a memorial, permitted styles and the types of material allowed in the cemetery.

The cemetery is a simple lawned area so no kerbs or railing surrounds are allowed because they may cause damage to maintenance equipment or potential injury to operatives and visitors to the cemetery.

The Parish Council also offers a facility to mount a brass plaque on the memorial wall at the entrance to the cemetery, for persons who have been cremated or buried elsewhere. The Parish Council provide a fixed price service for a plaque so if you are considering this, please speak to the Parish Clerk who will supply all necessary information.

What responsibilities do I have as a memorial owner?

When you have a memorial erected you become the owner and as the owner you take on a number of responsibilities. Firstly and most importantly you must keep it in a safe and stable state so that it is unlikely to cause injury to any visitors and secondly keep it tidy to maintain the look of the cemetery. The Parish Council strongly recommend that you take out insurance cover for your memorial in the same way that you would for your home.

The Parish Council inspect the cemetery regularly for Health and Safety purposes to ensure that all of the memorials are stable. The clerk keeps a record of family contact details. It is important that, as the owner of a memorial, you inform the Parish Council of a change of address. If a problem is found with your memorial the Parish Council may have to lay it flat or have it removed unless they can contact you to let you know, and ask you to take any remedial action.

What can I expect from a Mason?

Most people use a Monumental Mason when buying and installing a memorial. You do not have to use the Mason recommended by your Funeral Director. It may be advantageous to obtain quotations from a number of different companies. Before you settle on a Mason, please check that they are registered with either BRAMM (British Register of Accredited Monumental Masons) or NAMM (National Association of Monumental Masons) who have their own code of ethics, business and working practices. The Parish Council recognises the standards set by these organisations.

Please give the details of your chosen Mason to the Parish Clerk who will contact them and provide a copy of the standards and rules required by the Parish Council for erecting a memorial within the cemetery.

It is a requirement today for Masons to discreetly inscribe the memorials they install with their company name (this is usually found on the base). It is also advised that you seek a guarantee of workmanship from the Monumental Mason you have chosen to appoint; some already provide one as a matter of course.

Are there any other issues?

It is generally recommended that you wait at least six months following the funeral before installing a memorial. This will allow time for the ground to settle.

Should you wish to mark the grave earlier with a temporary wooden cross then you will have to apply to the Parish council for permission. Some Funeral Directors undertake this on your behalf as part of the service.

Any repairs to memorials should only be carried out by authorised persons. If in any doubt, check with the Parish Council.