



Ampfield Parish Council

CHAPEL WOOD BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS

1. Ampfield Parish Council is the Burial Authority.
2. Fees are as determined by Ampfield Parish Council.
3. Those to be buried in the Burial Ground should meet one of the following criteria:
 - Parishioners from either the Civil or Ecclesiastical Parish of Ampfield
 - Any person with a close connection to the Parish, but not falling within the above category, to be decided by Ampfield Parish Council.

Eligibility for burial may be presumed to have lapsed if it is claimed more than 10 years after the person concerned ceased to qualify under one of the categories above.

4. Grave spaces are allocated by Ampfield Parish Council and will not normally be reserved. However, as ground conditions in the Burial Ground do not allow double depth graves, a maximum of 2 adjacent grave spaces may be allocated to families at the discretion of Ampfield Parish Council. In such circumstances Ampfield Parish Council will write to the individuals concerned. Records of all such "burial permissions" will be kept by Ampfield Parish Council.
5. The depth of graves and cremated remains will be in accordance with Environmental and Other Regulations and Orders.
6. After a burial a small wooden cross should be erected at the head of the grave with the name of the deceased and with the grave number. Ampfield Parish Council will maintain a map of the Burial Ground, including any reserved spaces.
7. Applications for memorials will be made to Ampfield Parish Council.

Memorials will be as follows:

- Burials - a head stone, which may have a vase incorporated. The stone should be natural stone or granite in accordance with the Advice on Memorials as published by Ampfield Parish Council.
 - Cremation plots - a level tablet no larger than 15" x 21" set into the ground. Materials should be the same as those used for head stones, although a polished finish is permitted for flat cremation tablets. Ideally tablets should be level with the surrounding grass area but should stand no more than 1 inch above the ground.
 - Headstones should be placed at the head of the grave. When a subsequent burial of another family member is made in an adjoining plot, however, the headstone may at that later date be moved so that it is situated between the heads of the two graves.
8. After the grave has been filled in, any remaining spoil must be deposited in agreed areas the clearance of which will be the responsibility of Ampfield Parish Council.



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9. The newly created grave would normally have a mound after in-filling to allow for settling. It is expected that, after a period of 12 -18 months, the family would level the plot and place turf on the plot to facilitate maintenance. The only planting allowed is bulbs. Fresh and silk flowers may be left but not plastic flowers. No ornaments, trinkets, windmills, or similar objects should be placed on the grave, nor anything that makes a sound or emits a light.
10. Dogs must be kept on leads whilst within the Burial Ground.
11. Dead flowers and other debris should be removed and placed in the bins provided for that purpose in the car park. Ampfield Parish Council will arrange for the removal of any items which, in Council's view, make the area look unkempt or which impede the general maintenance of the Burial Ground or are in contravention of paragraph 9.
12. Ampfield Parish Council does not accept responsibility for any damage to memorials or cremation tablets howsoever caused; they remain the responsibility of the family.
13. Ampfield Parish Council will decide whether it is appropriate that memorial benches, seats, or trees be placed in the Burial Ground and on their style and position.