

WOLSTON, BRANDON & BRETTFORD JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

Regulations for the Cemetery, Dyers Lane, Wolston

1. Plans showing the grave spaces, and copies of the current fees and other information, are available from the Clerk to the **Wolston and Brandon Joint Burial Committee** (the 'JBC');
2. The selection of the grave space is in all cases subject to the approval of the JBC;
3. Exclusive right of burial may be purchased when the first interment is made, or at any time afterwards, on payment of the appropriate fee. Transfers of exclusive right of burial must be registered with the JBC, and the appropriate fee paid;
4. To qualify for a grant of exclusive right of burial a person must be a resident of one of the three villages, of Wolston, Brandon or Bretford, or have a spouse or immediate blood relative previously interred at the cemetery;
5. At least 48 hours' notice of every intended interment must be given to the Clerk;
6. Every notice of interment must be in the form prescribed by the JBC, and must contain a true and full statement of the particulars therein required and be signed by the person giving the same. Forms of notice can be requested from the clerk and are available on the JBC website. The Registrar's or Coroner's certificate of death must be produced at the time of giving notice. In the case of interment in a grave or vault in respect of which exclusive right of burial has been granted, the consent in writing of the owner, or some competent representative, must be given at the same time and the recipient must themselves qualify for burial at the cemetery;
7. All fees and charges payable to the JBC must be paid to the Clerk to the Joint Burial Committee at the time of giving notice of interment, and a receipt for the same will be given. On receipt of payment, but not otherwise, an order will be issued for the preparation of the grave;
8. No interment shall take place before 10am or after sunset, and not on Sundays, except by written permission of the JBC;
9. Whenever a burial has taken place the grave shall be filled up with earth within 12 hours after burial. The backfilled earth must be well consolidated and the surface shall be covered with fresh turf, the top of which shall not be more than 5 cm above the level of the surrounding grass. All surplus soil must be removed from the cemetery;
10. In order to preserve the dignity of the cemetery no trees, shrubs, plants, fences, lights, ornaments or alcohol containers of any kind shall be planted or placed upon or adjacent to any grave without the written permission of the JBC being first obtained. Any such items installed or placed without permission will be removed without notice;
11. No gravestone, tomb, monument, memorial inscription, kerb or railing, shall be put up without the written approval of the JBC. If put up without permission any such item may be removed without notice. All such work shall be under the control of the JBC and all such precautions necessary to protect the property of the JBC, or any monuments already erected, shall be taken as the JBC may require and direct;
12. Erection of any memorials, including benches, trees, etc. not on a grave space are only permitted after approval by the JBC. Any memorial not on a grave space approved for erection shall be specified, purchased and installed by the JBC. Each memorial bench has space for three plaques, the size, design and inscription of which must first be approved by the JBC. The plaques are available for dedication on a five year lease which may be renewed, or the plaque may be collected and the space is then re-allocated.

13. Hewing or dressing of stone or other operations of that kind is not permitted within the cemetery, or the approaches thereto, unless specially sanctioned in writing by the JBC. All surplus soil, rubbish, etc., remaining after the making of a grave, or the erection of any gravestone, monument, tomb, etc., must be removed from the cemetery by the person making or erecting the grave or monument on the same day;
14. Any kerb, headstone, vault and other structures or monuments etc. on or in any grave space in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been purchased must be kept in good order, repair and condition by the owner and to the satisfaction of the JBC. Failure to maintain any kerb, headstone, vault, and other structures or monuments etc. may be dealt with by the JBC, at their sole discretion, including laying flat any loose or otherwise dangerous memorial, etc. or its removal from the cemetery. The JBC reserves to itself the right to recover any associated costs from the owner of the grave;
15. Vehicles are not allowed in the cemetery, except a hearse and a maximum of two vehicles to carry mourners - additional vehicles for mourners shall park in the car park. Vehicles for constructing graves or conveying materials are also permitted. Any hearse or other vehicle used by mourners shall stay on the access track and turning circle and shall not be driven across unused grave spaces;
16. No person shall by noisy or indecent behaviour interfere with the solemn burial of any body;
17. The cemetery may be opened and closed at such times as the Joint Burial Committee may determine from time to time;
18. All dead flowers and rubbish must be deposited in the receptacles provided. Any person failing to do this is liable to a fine not exceeding £5 (Cemetery Clause Act, 1847).
19. All children visiting the cemetery must be accompanied by an adult;
20. All dogs must be on a lead and kept under control;
21. Smoking and cycling in the cemetery are strictly prohibited;
22. Plots for graves shall be 2 metres long, measured from the back of the headstone with a maximum outside width between kerbs of 600 mm, and a maximum gross width of 750 mm. Graves shall be spaced 600 mm apart side to side and 1 m apart top to bottom. Maximum permitted headstone size is 750 mm height, 600 mm width;
23. Plots for ashes shall be 0.6 x 0.6 metres square, spaced 750 mm apart side to side and 1 m apart top to bottom. Maximum permitted headstone size is 450 mm height & 450 mm width. Kerbs on ashes plots are not permitted;
24. The Policy and Procedure regarding inspection and safety of memorials and the responsibilities of the grave owner will be strictly enforced;
25. The JBC reserve to themselves the right from time to time to make any alterations in the schedule of charges, these regulations and any policies and procedures.

By order

Wolston, Brandon and Bretford Joint Burial Committee

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