

**Please keep the grant document which will be forwarded to the grave owner after the burial safe as it must be produced whenever the grave is reopened.**

### **Charges**

A full list of charges are available from the Cemetery & Crematorium office and are also available from your Funeral Director or Monumental Mason.

### **Purchase of Graves: (rules 18-22)**

The charges for the purchase of grave spaces apply to the deceased persons who were resident in the Borough of Bracknell Forest. The whole of the exclusive right fee will be double in the case of any person who, at the time of death, was not a Council Tax payer or inhabitant of the area administered by Bracknell Forest Borough Council or in the case of a stillborn child, of which, at the time of death neither the parents was such a Council Tax payer or inhabitant or who had not resided at any time during the twelve months preceding his or her death.

### **Memorials: (rules 27-39)**

Only memorials that confirm to an approved specification are allowed in the cemetery. These specifications can be obtained from the Cemetery & Crematorium office, Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons. Appropriate authority must be sought.

**Once a memorial has been erected it is important to note that the grave owner, or their executor or personal representative, will be held responsible for the future maintenance and safety of that memorial. Any memorial deemed to be unsafe by the Cemetery & Crematorium Manager will be rendered safe and must, without undue delay, either be removed from the cemetery or repaired by an approved monumental mason. It is strongly recommended that the grave owner insures the memorial against all risks.**

### **Guidelines for the Management of Easthampstead Park Cemetery:**

This leaflet gives full details of the cemetery rules and is available from the Cemetery & Crematorium office, Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons. Please remember that your co-operation in observing the rules and regulations will assist the Cemetery Manager and his staff in ensuring that Easthampstead Park Cemetery is a fitting resting place for your loved one.

## **Public & Environmental Services**

# **Information about Easthampstead Park Cemetery**

**Easthampstead Park Cemetery  
South Road  
Nine Mile Ride  
Wokingham  
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# Bracknell Forest Borough Council

## Information about Easthampstead Park Cemetery.

This leaflet sets out to provide information about the cemetery service provided by the Borough Council. The Cemetery Manager & Registrar and his staff are based at the Offices adjacent to the main chapel and are available to give help and guidance on all aspects of the service provided including cremation when requested.

The cemetery is open as follows:-

**November to February 8.30 am to 5 pm**

**March to October 8.30 am - 6 pm**

**Weekends and Bank Holidays 9.30 am - 4.30 pm**

The full cemetery guidelines are available in a separate leaflet the following paragraphs are extracted from the guidelines to help acquaint you with the more important and regularly used rules.

### An Explanation of the Lawn Cemetery.

The Borough Council takes pride in maintaining the lawn part of the cemetery to a high standard out of respect for the people buried there. The idea of the Lawn Cemetery was largely inspired by the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Since 1971 new graves in the cemetery have been covered in a grass avenue with memorials confined to the end of the grave. There are two reasons for this: It makes the cemetery more tidy and attractive; as machinery can be used for cutting the grass regularly; and it is easier and safer for visitors to walk around and find a particular grave.

Many people have said how they appreciate the care taken by the Council in looking after the lawn section of the cemetery. This standard of care is only possible because it is a lawn cemetery and, in order to keep up this standard, certain Rules and Regulations have been made so that it will remain attractive for generations to come.

There are no kerbstones, grave mounds or individual gardens. Wooden

crosses are not permitted and planting is restricted to a soil border at the memorial end of each row of graves. Placing markers to show the boundary of any individual space or placing vases on the turf cannot be allowed as this would obstruct the regular grasscutting needed to maintain the cemetery at Easthampstead Park.

### Memorials

In Section 1, 2 and 3. Only memorial tablets of a limited size are permitted (see application form) and will be let into the grave space adjoining the pathway with the top surface at ground level. If an additional memorial tablet is required this may be sited to the left of the grave. Flower vases of a limited size and troughs are permitted as long as they do not exceed 610mm in length. In Section 4. Headstone and Book memorials are permitted and are fixed back to back on the concrete landings provided. Please note that there are limitations on the height and width of the memorials for this section (see application form).

There need be no delay before any memorial is fixed into position since the ground where the memorial is to be erected has not been disturbed. There may be a delay, however, before the lawn is laid over the grave. This is because lawns from turf or seed can only be laid when ground, weather and seasonal conditions are suitable. During this delay the soil settles and extra soil is placed on the grave space to keep the ground level. Please do not place anything on the grave space which will prevent this work from being carried out.

### Services Available.

#### **Cemetery Funeral Fees:**

Cemetery fees payable for the funeral are usually paid by the Funeral Director who then includes them in his account to his client.

#### **Exclusive Right of Burial: (rules 12 - 17)**

Before you can order or fix a headstone you must purchase the exclusive right of burial for 75 years. This will ensure that the grave will not be opened again without your permission or that of any person inheriting your estate. It is emphasised that the grant of exclusive right of burial is not a freehold nor a leasehold interest: no title to the grave is transferred; graves can be assigned for a fee; the cemetery land continues to be owned by the Council who have made guidelines concerning the use of their cemetery.