



## TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### CEMETERY RULES

The aim of Tidworth Town Council is to create a place of serenity and calm for the families and friends of the deceased. It would be appreciated if you would assist this aim by complying with these rules.

Tidworth Town Council reserve the right to decline burial or interment of ashes in the Town Cemetery to any non-resident of Tidworth or Perham Down.

#### **Memorials/Burials**

1. Headstones must not exceed 36 inches (91cm) in height, including base, or 30 inches (76.2cm) in width.
2. Interment of Ashes. Name plates must not exceed 15inches (38cm) square with any vase incorporated within this. If there is a headstone it is to be no more than 15in (38cm) in height.
3. All headstones/memorials to be supplied by a member of the National Association of Stonemasons or National Association of Memorial Masons.
4. All waste/excess soil to be removed from site.
5. Following Health & Safety tests on headstones/memorials all subsequent costs relating to repairs will be borne by the next of kin.
6. Vase(s) are to be incorporated or securely fixed to the base of the headstone.
7. After a period of 6-12 months all graves will be levelled (Town Council to bear cost) for grounds maintenance purposes.
8. Kerbing, stones or ornamentation around individual graves will not be permitted.
9. Planting must be kept to the front of headstone and is the responsibility of the next of kin to maintain.
10. Photographs on headstones must not exceed 5 in (12.5cm) in diameter and must have been approved by the Town Council Cemetery Sub-Committee.
11. Only chopped bark may be placed around memorials, stones chippings and gravel are not permitted due to the hazard they present to grounds maintenance staff and grounds maintenance machinery.

#### **Maintenance**

12. Limited cultivation is permitted if it does not encroach upon adjacent plots (in any direction) or impede the regular maintenance of the grassed areas maintained by the Town Council.
13. Trees and Shrubs will not be permitted.
14. If the appearance of the plot gives rise to the impression it is being neglected the Town Council reserves the right to take action to return the plot to its original state.
15. Tidworth Town Council reserves the right to remove any grave decoration considered to be dangerous (ie glass, stones) to the Public under Health & Safety Regulations.
16. Wreaths placed upon a grave will be removed after an appropriate interval following their placement.
17. All rubbish must be placed in the designated area.

#### **General**

18. Dogs must be always kept on leads and any waste removed.
19. No private cars are permitted beyond the turning circle.
20. Plots may not be reserved.
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All enquiries regarding the Cemetery should be directed to the Town Council via the Town Clerk 01980 847390  
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