

Organising the Laying to Rest of Ashes in an Existing Grave

Please ring the Cemetery Administrators 01279 712148 or 01279 715003

You will need to have with you the following details:

The grave number if known.

The name and address of the deceased, the address at which death occurred and the date and age at time of death.

Your name, address, contact number and relationship to the deceased.

Who is the Registered Owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial Deed? If it is the deceased, no further action is required at this time.

If you are the Registered Owner of the Burial Deed, you will need to supply a copy of the Deed. If you are not the Registered Owner of the Burial Deed, the owner's permission must be obtained before a laying to rest can proceed. Under GDPR the Town Council is unable to give you this information but can confirm who is the owner when details are supplied and ask the owner to complete a 'Consent to Inter' form, if necessary.

The name of the Cremation Authority, Certificate number, date of Cremation and size and type of ashes container. Please note ashes may only be laid to rest in a degradable or bio-degradable container or loose.

Possible dates and times for the laying to rest and if a minister will be present

Would the use of the Chapel be required? The cost is £130 for up to 20 people and at a further cost of £25, a further 12 people can be accommodated.

On the day of the laying to rest you will be met by a Town Council representative at the Old Cemetery / New Cemetery main gate and taken to the grave. The cremation certificate (until now kept with the ashes) should be handed to him. The grave will have been opened for the family to lay the ashes and closed as soon as appropriate.

Please note

If the deceased was a BSTC resident at the time of their death, they will be charged at the resident rate. Currently the charges for 2025/2026 are £260 for the interment and £70 for the admin fee.

If the deceased was not a BSTC resident at the time of their death, had they lived in BS for at least 5 years within the last 20 years? If yes, the charge will be at the previous resident rate. Currently the charges for 2025/2026 are £470 for the interment and £65 for the admin fee.

If the deceased was not a BSTC resident at the time of their death and had not lived BS for at least 5 years within the last 20 years, the charge will be at the non-resident rate. Currently the charges for 2025/2026 are £1,040 for the interment, £70 for the admin fee.

The Town Council does not organise a marker for the grave, flowers, or a minister to be present, but this can be arranged by the family if they choose.

Memorials

Memorials and inscriptions must be organised and installed through a recognised Stone Mason who is member of the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM). A permit will be required from the Stone Mason for the Town Council to authorise the work.

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