

Scattering Ashes in an Existing Grave

Please ring the Cemetery administrators on 01279 712148 or 01279 715003 in the first instance.

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 and date of Cremation.

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

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 top layer of the grave will have been removed for the family to lay the ashes and re-covered as soon as appropriate.

Under no circumstances should ashes be scattered loose on graves. This is distressing for visitors to see and unpleasant for Cemetery Staff to remove the remains.

Charges

The current charge for this service is £155.00 and £70.00 admin charge. Payment must be received at least three working days before the scattering.

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). Only the names of those laid to rest in the grave can be added to the memorial. A permit will be required from the Stone Mason for the Town Council to authorise the work.

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