



Sileby Cemetery Information Leaflet

Sileby Cemetery

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Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am to 12noon

General Information



Sileby Cemetery is owned and managed by Sileby Parish Council and is open to the public every day.

The site on Cemetery Road is well served by public transport with a railway station and bus service. Parking on site is allowed but we would ask visitors to be mindful of other users and regretfully remind you to lock any valuables in the boot of your car.

A schedule of fees relating to the purchase of a Grave Space (Exclusive Right of Burial), Interments, Chapel Hire and Memorials is published each year and is available from Sileby Parish Council office, Council website,

local Funeral Directors and Memorial Masons.

Regulations

A free full copy of our Regulations and Fees and Charges are available from the Parish Council Office, Council website and local Funeral Directors.

Many of these Regulations are statutory, others local – they are not meant to be restrictive but are applied in order to retain the appearance of the Cemetery and for reasons of health and safety. Whilst trying to meet the needs of all we must be mindful of giving offence to those with established graves at the site. A copy of the Regulations is posted on the notice board at the Cemetery.

Terms of Grant (Exclusive Right of Burial)

When you buy a grave, you're buying the right to bury a body or scatter ashes (cremated remains) in that grave, not the surrounding land. This is called the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

As the owner of the grave, these Rights mean that you have to give permission for remains or ashes to be buried in it. You also have the right to add a memorial to the grave, subject to approval from the Parish Council.

When you're given the Rights to a grave, you're given a deed (a legal document) that shows you own it. This is called the Grant of Exclusive Rights of Burial and should be kept in a safe place until the time when the grave is used.

All Rights are granted for a fixed period of time. The Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave space in Sileby Cemetery is issued for a period of 100 years. These Rights may be assigned under certain conditions but will normally be inherited by the next of kin.

Types of Burial Plot

There are several types of burial plots in the Cemetery:-

Burial Plots - Sections A–D

This is the old section of Cemetery

Burial Plots - Section E

This is the new lawned section of the Cemetery where new plots are allocated. Immediately following an interment within a grave the soil will be mounded over the excavation, this is to allow for settlement. All new and re-opened graves will normally be turfed 12 - 18 months following interment. Notices will be placed on the notice board in the cemetery and at the Parish Council office, as well as on the Parish Council website, giving details of when the turfing programme is due to commence. This is to allow families time to remove their temporary memorials and other personal and decorative items.

Items not removed by the family at the commencement of the turfing programme will be removed by the Councils' Contractor. The Parish Council will not be responsible for the safe keeping of any items removed. The lawn graves will be boxed mowed with grass cuttings collected to keep the area tidy.

Cremation Plots - Section R

This is the current cremation section of the Cemetery where new plots are allocated. These grave spaces are for cremated remains only. Remains can either be placed in the grave in an urn, casket or other container, or scattered in the grave.

Garden of Remembrance

This is a walled area where cremated remains can be scattered on the stoned area. It is a criminal offence to dispose of cremated remains within the cemetery without permission.

Interment

Burial Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Council Office, local Funeral Director or downloaded off the Parish Council website. The forms, duly completed together with the necessary payment, must be delivered to the Parish Council Office at least three clear days before the date of the interment. All arrangements for the time and date of the burial must be made with the Parish Council Office.

No burial can take place without the production of the Registrar's Certificate for Disposal, a Coroners Order for Burial or in the case of a Still Birth, a letter from the doctor or mid-wife who attended the birth. Cremated remains cannot be interred without the Certificate of Cremation.

Where the Exclusive Right of Burial has previously been granted, the Grantee must give permission to open the grave by signing the Burial Application form.

The Chapel



The chapel is offered for hire. You may wish to decorate the chapel with flowers etc before the service – a simple phone call is all that is needed and we will arrange for it to be opened in good time for you.

Memorials & Decoration of Graves

It is recognised that the issue of grave and memorial decoration is a very personal and sensitive issue. The following regulations have been designed to allow bereaved families the opportunity to decorate their family grave and memorial in a way which does not impact on safe access to graves and areas of the grounds and that does not prohibit or restrict works or maintenance of the ground

All memorial work carried out in the cemetery must conform to the current NAMM Code of Working Practice. Permit application forms can be obtained from the Parish Council Office, local Memorial Mason or downloaded off the Parish Council website. No memorial can be erected in the cemetery until the application has been approved by the Council.

All applications must be signed by the Grantee and the appropriate fee paid. A memorial remains the property of the Grantee and their Successors and they are responsible for keeping it in a safe condition and repairing it as necessary.

Any unauthorised memorials will be removed by the Council under powers contained in **The Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977**.

The Council will not be held liable for any damage to items, whether caused during our maintenance of the grounds or by any other works or activities. The Council reserves the right to remove any item placed on any grave that is considered unsuitable, damaged, dilapidated, dangerous etc. Where appropriate, items removed will be stored for collection by the family, however the Council cannot be held responsible for their safe keeping.

Sections A–D:

No restrictions.

Section E:

Prior to turfing families may personalise the mounded area of the grave with decorative items. Graves will then be retained as grass. No items will be permitted on the turfed area of the grave. No wooden, plastic or metal stakes (this includes flags, shepherd crooks, windmills, or similar items) above 12 inches of any kind will be permitted on any grave/memorial following the turfing programme.

Headstones, no higher than 3ft incorporating a vase if desired. If desired (a) 1ft is permitted directly in front of headstone and no wider than headstone which may be cultivated with annual plants or bulbs not exceeding 1ft in height, **OR** (b) 1ft directly in front of headstone and no wider than headstone, which may be slabbed and decorative items placed upon the slab.

Families may personalise with decorative items not including: fencing/boundary markers, glass items (including bottles), tin (including beer cans), wind chimes, lighting (including solar powered lights) or chippings/stones. Consideration will be given for placing additional flowers etc. for birthdays etc. These will generally be disposed of after 14 days.

Section R:

A 12"X12"X4" memorial is permitted. Families may personalise the memorial stone with decorative items and/or flowers and plants not including: fencing/boundary markers, glass items (including bottles), tin (including beer cans), wind chimes, lighting (including solar powered lights) or chippings/stones. No items may be placed on the surrounding grassed area.

The turf surrounding the Cremated Remains plot shall not be cut away or interfered with by any person. This section will be trimmed and grass cuttings collected to keep the area tidy.

Consideration will be given for placing additional flowers etc. for birthdays etc. These will generally be disposed of after 14 days.

Garden of Remembrance:

A memorial plaque can be arranged (through the Parish Council Office) to go on the wall in the Garden of Remembrance.