

# **THURSFORD CEMETERY**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

As well as the following rules and regulations the Local Cemeteries Order 1977 applies. In particular Clause 3(1) states that:

Such to the provisions of the order a burial authority may do all such things as they consider necessary or desirable for the proper management, regulation and control of a cemetery.

### **General Conduct from Visitors to the Cemetery**

All persons are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner and treat the cemetery with respect at all times.

Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a responsible person

Dogs should always be on a lead

### **General Conditions regulating graves and cremation plots**

No trees, shrubs or other vegetation of any kind should be planted in or around graves or anywhere in the cemetery

A vase no larger than 20cm / 8 inches in any direction may be placed on the grave space.

Tributes of a temporary nature may be placed on the grave for grieving purposes but must be removed at the end of 6 months after interment and comply with other rules and regulations.

No objects emitting wither noise or light are permitted

The burial authority is not responsible for any items placed in the cemetery by Exclusive Rights of Burial owners or cemetery visitors.

### **Conditions Regulating Burials**

The burial certificate must be received by the Parish Clerk a minimum of 2 days prior to the funeral taking place. Failure to provide this certificate may lead to delays or the cancellation of the funeral.

The final decision on the location of each new burial plot rests with the Burial Authority.

A maximum of 2 interments are allowed per grave space.

Funeral Directors must arrange, where necessary, for memorials to be removed from the grave to allow graves to be re-opened for a subsequent interment. Reinstatement of headstone memorials following an interment is not permitted for a period of 6 months. After this time the instruction of the Exclusive Right of Burial owner to the monumental mason may be carried out according to the conditions relating to Memorials (below).

## **Conditions Regulating Exclusive Rights of Burial**

The Exclusive Rights of Burial (ERB) must be purchased prior to the Interment and there must be an Exclusive Rights of Burial in place to erect a memorial headstone. The purchaser is not buying the freehold to the grave site and does not own any land.

The ERB is for a period of 50 years from the date of purchase. There may be a maximum of 2 burials in any one grave. An interment fee is payable each time the grave is reopened.

The Deed of Grant issued in relation to the purchase of an ERB is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. The Council reserve the right to request the document before the grave can be opened.

The ERB can be transferred to another person by assignment for which a fee is payable.

## **Conditions relating to Headstones and Memorials**

No memorial shall be erected on any grave unless the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased and an application for permission to erect a memorial has been made by a monumental mason, signed by the owner of the Exclusive Right and approved by the burial authority.

Applications for permission to erect a memorial or add an inscription to a memorial must be via a monumental mason and the full design, including the wording, and installation specification must be provided to the burial authority in advance of any works commencing on the site.

The burial authority will not be responsible for any accidents or damage to any memorial caused by vandalism, storm, wind, lightening, subsidence, earthquake, general grounds maintenance or any cause that is beyond the Council's control

All memorials when completed remain the sole risk of the owner of the grave at all times.

Each memorial must be kept in good repair by the owner. The burial authority may remove any memorial deemed unsafe without authorisation and recover any costs so incurred from the owner of the Exclusive Right. If the owner cannot be contacted, then the memorial will be lain down.

## **Conditions regulating Cremation Plots**

All memorials for cremation plots will be no larger than 46 x 46 x 10 (18" x 18" x 4")

The final decision relating to the location of all cremation plots rests with the burial authority