

BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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CEMETERY REGULATIONS

For ease of maintenance in the Cemetery and to avoid any possible distress to Visitors please note and adhere to the following regulations:

1. The Cemetery will be open to the public daily. However, the Parish Council may close the Cemetery, or any part thereof, to the public for such time as they consider necessary or expedient.
2. **Dogs** accompanying visitors to the grounds should be on a leash at all times.
3. The Council is responsible for grass cutting, therefore, no part of the grave should be planted with trees or shrubs, or anything which would impede maintenance. On application to the Parish Council, memorial planting may be accommodated on the Bull Ring village green.
4. Kerbstones, railings, fences or other types of edging for enclosing graves are not permitted.
5. Permanent mounding of graves is not permitted and the surface level of graves should be that of the surrounding turf level.
6. **Children under 12 years of age** are not be allowed in the Cemetery, except under the care of a responsible person.
7. Visitors are requested to assist in keeping the Cemetery in good order. All rubbish or waste flowers must be deposited in the receptacles provided.
8. No person shall obstruct or interfere with employees of the Parish Council at their duties.
9. Only flowers and wreaths may be placed on a grave. No other decoration, mementoes or photographs are permitted. The flowers and wreaths will be allowed to remain for a period of 14 days, after which Parish Council staff maybe remove them.
10. A minimum period of 6 months must be allowed after the interment date before a memorial can be erected, to allow for grave settlement.
11. Owners of headstones/ plaques/ tablets are strongly advised to arrange insurance cover against theft or damage through vandalism, severe weather conditions or accidental damage. The Parish Council will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
12. Every headstone/ plaque/ tablet must be kept in good repair at the expense of the owner. The Parish Council will make reasonable efforts to communicate with grave owners by giving written notice by post when repairs are needed. If the owner does not make such repairs within six months, the Parish Council will be at liberty to remove or lay flat the headstone/ plaque/ tablet. In the event of a headstone/ plaque/ tablet being in a dangerous condition, immediate action will be taken.
13. All headstones/ plaques / tablets must be erected at the head of the grave.
14. Please be aware that adjacent graves may need to be reopened, which could temporarily restrict access to a grave. This is unavoidable, but we try to limit this to the shortest time possible.

The Parish Council hopes you understand that these rules help to ensure that the Cemetery is managed and maintained in a practical manner, whilst at the same time remaining attractive to visitors.

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