

## BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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### CEMETERY CHARGES & REGULATIONS

No person may be interred in Beadnell Cemetery without the prior permission of the Clerk, Chairman of the Council or a Member of the Council delegated by the Chairman.

At a Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the following fees were agreed and will come into force on 1st July 2022. These fees apply where the person to be interred, or in respect of whom the right is granted, is or immediately before was a resident or parishioner of Beadnell.

In the case of a child (up to 12 years) where the parents are or one of them is at the time of interment a resident or parishioner, no fees will apply.

#### Table of Fees

##### ***1. Purchase of Burial and Cremation Plots***

Purchase of single burial plot in perpetuity (9 ft long by 4 ft 6 inches wide)	£500
Purchase of double burial plot in perpetuity (9 ft long by 4ft 6 inches wide)	£1000
Purchase of cremation plot in perpetuity (3 ft long by 4 ft 6 inches wide)	£200
Purchase of burial or cremation plot out of rotation subject to surcharge of	100%
Re-open burial or cremation plot for second interment	£150

##### ***2. Headstones, Tablets and Inscriptions***

Erection of headstone not exceeding 2 ft 6 inches high (burial plots)	£150
Placement of tablet not exceeding 8 inches high (cremation plot)	£150
Cutting an additional inscription	£150

##### ***3. Additional Charge for Non-Residents and Non-Parishioners***

The purchase price of a plot, including out of rotation fee, is subject to an additional surcharge of	100%
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#### **Please note:**

1. In accordance with law, all interments must be recorded in the Parish Register prescribed for this purpose. Undertakers must supply the necessary information to complete these records before being allocated a plot number in the cemetery.
2. Beadnell Parish Council does not employ a gravedigger. This service is arranged and charged for by the undertaker.
3. Permanent mounding of graves is not permitted and the surface level of graves should be that of the surrounding turf level.
4. A minimum period of 6 months must be allowed after the interment date before a memorial can be erected to allow for grave settlement.
5. Kerbstones, railings, fences or other types of edging for enclosing plots are not permitted.
6. No memorial of any description may be erected without prior written approval of the Council. Permanent photographs of persons interred in the plot may be included on the memorial up to a maximum size of 105x148 mm (A6). The proposed design, dimensions, inscription and/or photograph must be submitted for approval to the Council, whose decision is final. Approved designs can be found on the Council website.

7. The use of BRAMM (British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons) or NAMM (National Association of Memorial Masons) registered stone masons only will be permitted. This applies to the erection and repair of headstones/ plaques/ tablets.
8. All headstones must be erected at the head of the plot in line with those in the same row and in accordance with the current NAMM Code of Working Practice and BS8415.
9. The ownership of a headstone/ tablet and the responsibility for its safety remains with the family of the deceased person/s and must be kept in good repair at their expense.
10. The Council will make reasonable efforts to communicate with plot owners by giving written notice by post when repairs are needed. If the owner does not make such repairs within six months, the Council will be at liberty to remove, repair or lay flat the headstone/ tablet. In the event of a headstone/ tablet being in a dangerous condition, immediate action will be taken. The owners are responsible for all costs incurred in making the memorial safe.
11. The owners/ family are under an obligation to keep the Parish Council informed of their contact address.
12. Owners of headstones/tablets are strongly advised to arrange insurance cover against theft or damage through vandalism, severe weather conditions or accidental damage. The Council will not be held responsible for any loss or damage which may occur.

## **VISITORS TO BEADNELL CEMETERY**

### **Please report all damage to the Parish Clerk**

**For ease of maintenance in the cemetery and to avoid any possible distress to visitors please note and adhere to the following:-**

1. The cemetery will be open to the public daily. However, the Council may close the cemetery, or any part thereof, to the public for as long as they consider necessary or expedient.
2. **Children under 12 years of age** are not allowed in the cemetery, except under the care of a responsible person.
3. **Dogs** accompanying visitors to the grounds should be on a leash at all times.
4. Visitors are requested to assist in keeping the cemetery in good order. All rubbish or waste flowers must be deposited in the receptacles provided.
5. Please avoid touching memorials.
6. 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 Council staff may remove them.
7. 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 Council, memorial planting may be accommodated elsewhere in the parish.
8. 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.
9. No person shall obstruct or interfere with employees of the Parish Council at their duties.

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

Chair, Beadnell Parish Council

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