



NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL

NETHER STOWEY CEMETERY - RULES & REGULATIONS

1. "The Cemetery" means the Cemetery provided by the Council and situated in St. Mary Street, Nether Stowey. The "Burial Authority" means Nether Stowey Parish Council.
2. Applications for burials etc. must be made to the Clerk of the Burial Authority.
3. Plans showing the whole of the graves and their respective classes and divisions are kept by the Clerk of the Burial Authority and may be inspected free of charge by all parties making application for grave spaces.
4. Application for the purchase of the exclusive right of burial and notice of every intended interment shall be made or given to the Clerk of the Burial Authority at least one clear day previous to the interment.
5. Either the Certificate of the Registrar of Deaths, or in the case when an inquest has been held, the Certificate of the Coroner, must be produced. In cases of still-born children, a Certificate from the Obstetrician-Paediatrician or Registered Midwife will be required.
6. The selection of any grave space, whether for ordinary interment or purchase of exclusive right of burial, is subject to the approval of the Burial Authority and consistent with the authorised Cemetery plan.
7. The exclusive right of burial in any grave space must be purchased at the time of selection.
8. Whether or not the exclusive right of burial has been purchased, the depth of grave is subject to the regulations of the Burial Authority and no grave will be allowed to be deepened after the first interment.
9. No more than two grave spaces may be selected and the right of burial purchased at one time without the consent of the Burial Authority.
10. No graves shall be dug out or excavated except with the approval of the Burial Authority.
11. All brick or stone work in the graves must be executed subject to the superintendence or approval of the Burial Authority.
12. Drawings of every monument or gravestone, giving exact dimensions of the same, must be submitted to the Burial Authority's Clerk for approval at the time when the application is made for the erection. No monument or gravestone shall be admitted into the Cemetery without the approval of the Burial Authority, and no unfixed stone shall be permitted.
13. No inscription shall be placed on any monument, gravestone or tombstone unless and until the same has been approved by the Burial Authority.



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14. No gravestone or other erection will be allowed to be erected or placed on any grave unless the exclusive right of burial in such grave has been purchased.
15. In the interests of tidiness and good maintenance, all headstones shall be aligned. Flat stones shall be placed level with, or very slightly below, the level of the surrounding turf. Where flat stones are not placed, the turf shall be replaced on the grave after the grave has been filled in, the grave shall be given time to settle and then levelled to the surrounding turf. **Please note that all surplus earth must be removed from the cemetery.** Kerbstones and borders are not permitted.
16. **Memorials remain the property and responsibility of the owners who purchased them.** All private graves are to be kept in good repair by the owners, unless a special agreement for that purpose be made with the Council. Notice will be sent to the owners or their representatives (where their address is known) in case of such repairs being required and if not executed within three months the Council may cause the memorial to be removed. It is recommended that insurance be taken out for the maintenance of any memorial at the time of purchase.
17. No hewing or dressing of stone will be permitted within the Cemetery and all materials for monuments and memorials shall be conveyed into the cemetery by hand or in such manner under the direction of the Burial Authority as will avoid the cutting up of the paths or grass. If vehicles are used the width of the tyres must be at least four inches or ten centimetres. Mats, planks, boards or canvas are to be used as may be directed, to preserve the grass, paths or roads from injury by such works.
18. No mason or other person shall within the Cemetery be permitted to tout for or solicit orders, exhibit designs, distribute business cards, or attempt to obtain from any employee, either directly or indirectly, information as to grave owners, or take measurement of or photograph or copy any memorial unless the written permission of the owner thereof be first produced to the Burial Authority.
19. Natural wreaths and unwrapped flowers may be placed on the graves, at the owner's responsibility. Only cemetery-approved vases as part of a memorial may be used. Dead or withered flowers must be removed and placed in the bins provided for the purpose. Not more than **two** artificial wreaths will be permitted and will be removed if damaged or become unsightly. One other decorative item may be permitted at the discretion of the Burial Authority. Such ornaments will be removed without notice if they are damaged, unsightly or are otherwise deemed to disturb the peace and respectful nature of the cemetery.
20. For the safety of visitors and maintenance staff, bell glasses, pots, jars, tins, bottles and other items likely to break or otherwise cause injury are not permitted.



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21. Shrubs and small trees are **not** permitted on any grave.
22. The hours for arrival of funerals at the Cemetery will be such as shall be appointed for the time being by the Council and affixed in the Parish Council Clerk's office; these hours will also be notified on the receipt given for fees and charges. The time so appointed will be that at which the funeral procession is to arrive at the entrance gates of the Cemetery.
23. Interments may take place between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 hours) and four o'clock in the afternoon (16:00 hours) between the first day of April and the thirtieth day of September and between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 hours) and three o'clock (15:00 hours) in the afternoon the first day of October and the thirty-first day of March. Burials are not permitted on Sundays, Good Friday or Christmas Day, except with the express permission and conditions of the Council.
24. The Cemetery will be open from eight o'clock (08:00 hours) in the morning until sunset on every day of the week or at such other hours as may from time to time be prescribed by the Council and indicated by a notice or notices affixed or set up in some conspicuous position at or near to the entrance of the Cemetery.
25. No work on graves by visitors will be permitted on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday.
26. Children under the age of ten years are not admitted unless under the care of a responsible adult.
27. No smoking, eating or drinking is allowed in the Cemetery.
28. Dogs are not admitted into the Cemetery, except Guide and Assistance Dogs. Owners must ensure that they clear up any mess.
29. No person except any officer or employee of the Burial Authority for the purpose of the work of the Burial Authority in the Cemetery shall take any wheeled vehicle of any description into the Cemetery. This regulation shall not prohibit any chair or similar vehicle containing any aged or disabled person accessing or visiting the Cemetery.
30. The fees charged include everything connected with the specified items and must be paid to the Burial Authority; no employee of the Burial Authority is allowed to receive any fee or gratuity whatsoever for his/her own use.
31. When circumstances render it desirable to deviate from any of the foregoing Rules and Regulations, special application must be made in writing to the Burial Authority.



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32. The Burial Authority reserve the right from time to time to make any alterations or additions to or amendments of the foregoing Rules and Regulations consistent with the Burial Acts.

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