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Introduction

The importance of a memorial as a means of commemorating the life of a loved one, acting as a focus for grief in years to come as an historical record is recognised widely. We would therefore like to allow the bereaved to have as wide a choice of memorials as possible. It is for this reason that you need to be aware of the range of designs available whilst making your choice.

Your appointed memorial mason will advise you of the choice of memorials available relative to the cemetery section in which the grave has been purchased as the memorial will need to be within this Council's regulatory dimensions. Memorial's that are not a standard design will be taken to the following Council meeting after the application has been received for approval.

It is important that you are aware that by placing a memorial in the cemetery you are accepting a number of responsibilities. I have therefore listed some of the services we provide along with the responsibilities you will be accepting

Your appointed memorial mason is required to provide you with a workmanship guarantee of a minimum period of 10 years.

Your appointed memorial mason will submit the attached application form on your behalf. We will check this application form before issuing the permit to install. In addition we will also ensure that:-

Only NAMM/BRAMM (National Association of Memorial Masons/British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons) are permitted to work in Blyth.

It is your appointed memorial mason's responsibility to ensure the memorial is placed on the correct grave and to the required standards and that the ground is reinstated satisfactorily.

We will inspect and test the memorial after 8 weeks to ensure it has been installed to the required standards.

We will liaise with the memorial mason in the event of there being any problems.

In order to offset the cost of this service, a memorial fee is charged and is revised annually.

Please contact the Parish Council office should you have any further queries.

Memorial Responsibility

The memorial is the sole responsibility of the grave owner and does not become the property of the Council. The Council therefore accepts no responsibility or liability for any vandalism caused to any memorial.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the memorial is maintained in a safe condition and does not pose a hazard to the visiting public or cemetery staff. In the unfortunate event of a memorial being found to be unsafe at any time, the Council reserves the right to immediately make it safe.

Should your memorial require any maintenance or cleaning we advise you discuss this with a memorial mason.

I must stress these items are not intended to worry you in any way but are required for the benefit of all who visit a cemetery.

You may wish to consider taking out insurance cover for your memorial. Your appointed memorial mason should be able to provide advice regarding this.

Cemetery Maintenance

It is the aim of the Council to provide the highest possible standards of cemetery maintenance within the finances available.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding any aspect of these functions, they can be addressed to the cemetery office during normal office hours.

I am sure that you will appreciate it is inevitable that grass cuttings may blow onto memorials during mowing operations. Every effort will be made to minimise this problem and we apologise for any inconvenience it may cause you. All graves will be grass seeded after the minimum required time allowed due to settlement and earth top ups

We realise that what pleases one can offend another and in an effort to preserve the dignity and appearance of the cemeteries, there are specific regulations in place of which you are advised to make yourself aware of.

Our regulations were sent to you along with your exclusive of burial, you can also view them on the Council's web-site under cemetery or obtain a hard copy from the Parish Council office.

Christmas Wreaths

If you wish to place a Christmas wreath or a similar tribute on the grave of a loved one, please feel welcome to do so. I am sure you will appreciate that if left for a long time they can damage the grass, deteriorate and become unsightly. It is for these reasons that we remove all wreaths immediately following 31 January.

Change of Address

Please advise the Parish Council office of any change of address so that we can update our cemetery records. This is very important should there be a need for future correspondence.

Cemetery Office

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