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## **Cemetery Guidelines**

Our goal is to pride ourselves on the standards of our Lawn Cemetery and Allotment Area and we want them to be a peaceful and tranquil place for families to spend time in. To ensure that we can reach and maintain the standards that you would want to expect and will continue to enjoy, it is necessary to have a few guidelines in place to provide information about what is and is not permitted within our grounds. Visitors are kindly asked to comply with these guidelines to help us maintain the appearance and safety of the Cemetery and Allotments areas for all visitors and families.

Only memorials and markers that have been approved by the Parish Council office may be placed on grave and cremation spaces as this ensures consistency in the materials and standards of workmanship. We encourage visitors to bring fresh flowers or plants only to be placed with their memorial, and our Orderly will carefully remove them when they become tired and spent. Likewise, any artificial flowers or other decoration may also be removed as time passes.

Due to the risk of injury, the use of glass and ceramic or breakable items is not permitted unless these are placed in a secure, sheltered location such as the front of a memorial stone where there is little chance of these being blown or knocked over. The Parish Council reserves the right to remove items considered to be unsafe or inappropriate including solar lights, balloons and wind chimes as these items can have an effect on other families. Consideration will however be given to a significant date or anniversary, and we would request that you contact us to discuss this.

The ashes scattering area to the far end of the cemetery is a communal area and personal memorabilia is not permitted. Fresh flowers or wreaths only may be placed to the front of the memorial wall to mark a special occasion or date and these will be removed as the need arises. Visitors are also asked to apply these same principles to the communal memorial stone located in the 'horseshoe' cremation area of the cemetery with fresh flowers only allowed in the vases. This stone has been installed by the Parish Council to allow visitors to reflect and remember loved ones that may not be present in our cemetery.

We respectfully ask that younger children are accompanied by an adult and that dogs are kept on a lead at all times when in our grounds. Dogs should not be exercised in the cemetery area and must not be allowed to foul. Out of respect to other visitors, it is asked that participation in social events such as picnics or ball or other games do not take place.

We thank you for your co-operation and assistance in helping us to ensure we maintain a peaceful, respectful area in the right surroundings for all families who visit.