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## **Rules and Regulations**

### **Breaston Cemetery**

#### **Longmoor Lane**

#### **Breaston**

September 1995  
Amended May 2008  
Amended May 2016  
Amended November 2018  
Amended October 2023

The LA Cemeteries Order 1977  
The LG Act 1972 – Sec 214 and Schedule 26

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The Parish Council wishes to retain the Cemetery as a peaceful pleasant and respectful place for all visitors. Therefore, we have set out the following rules and regulations to enable plot owners and visitors to assist in achieving this goal.

## **Cemetery**

The Cemetery Grounds will be open to the public from 8am until sunset daily. Children under 10 years of age will not be admitted unless under the care of a responsible adult.

Dogs are not permitted in the Cemetery unless on a lead and fully supervised.

Vehicles are not allowed in the Cemetery except by permission of the Parish Council. Cycles must not be ridden in the cemetery grounds.

All graves are lawn type. No lights, artificial grass, no grave mounds, kerbs, railings, chippings or edgings of any kind are permitted.

The planting of bulbs, conifers, flowers, shrubs or trees is prohibited. The Council will remove any plants, flowers and unauthorised ornamental items immediately without notice being given.

## **Burial & Ashes Plots**

Plots can be reserved at any time for further information please contact the Clerk. The exclusive right of burial is purchased for the period of 75 years only.

Only wooden or biodegradable coffins shall be used. The responsibility for the excavation of all graves shall rest with the Funeral Director.

Ground settlement occurring in the months following a burial should be reported to the Funeral Director or Parish Clerk.

Floral tributes will be removed once spent, normally after two weeks. Notice of interment on the prescribed forms must be made by the Funeral Director.

The land remains the property of the Parish Council at all times, the purchaser buys the exclusive right to burial only.

Plots in the main cemetery may be dug to single or double depth only.

## **Interment/Funeral**

All interment fees are to be paid via the Funeral Directors. In the case of a reservation of a plot, fees should be paid to the Parish Council.

No interment can take place without the proof of a Certificate of Disposal or Coroner's Order for Burial which must be presented to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council must be informed of the times of all interments in order to prevent inconvenience to other mourners.

If a service is desirable in the Chapel due notice must be given and a charge will be made.

## **Memorials – Burial Plots**

**Only one headstone and a maximum of 2 vases are permitted per burial plot.**

All materials, designs and inscriptions are subject to the approval of the Council. A drawing showing the form and dimensions of the memorial must be submitted by the stone mason/funeral director to the Parish Council for approval. Permission must be given before proceeding. Memorials can only be placed on graves for which exclusive right has been purchased and must be erected by qualified personnel and in accordance with British Standard BS8415. All headstones must be fixed in accordance with BRAMM Regulations. (British Register of Approved Memorial Masons).

All Headstones and vases are to be kept in good repair by the owners and if not repaired may be removed by the Council after serving due notice in accordance with the Local Authority Cemetery Order 1977.

The Maximum height of a headstone shall not exceed 92cm (36”), the width 72cm (28.5”) and the depth 30.5cm (12”). All Memorials should be fitted in accordance with British Standard 8415 and the current BRAMM recommendations. The lettering shall not exceed 10cm (4”)

All headstones will be inspected on a 5 yearly basis and if found to be unsafe, appropriate action will be taken.

The Parish Council has a duty under Health and Safety Act 1972 to ensure the safety of headstones in their Cemetery.

## **Memorials – Ashes Plots**

In respect of the separate Garden of Rest, only 1 x 23cm (9”) square (2”) deep plaque and 1 x vase, of an approved material, are permitted. Only wooden or biodegradable urns/caskets shall be used.

**Should a plot owner wish to transfer ownership of a plot they are required to complete a Form of Assignment (Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977) at the Parish Rooms.**

**In the event of the death of a plot owner, families are advised to contact the Parish Council who will arrange a transfer of ownership. This action will protect family interest and rights into the future.**

**Plot owners are reminded to inform the Parish Council of any change of address.**

Applications for the burial of ashes must be accompanied by a Crematorium Certificate and the appropriate fee.

On purchase of exclusive right of burial in the main burial ground a certificate will be sent to the purchaser. No transfer of exclusive right will be permitted unless written confirmation is received and approved.

In respect of the Garden of Rest a typed letter of confirmation of exclusive right will be issued. In the Garden of Rest, the burial of one urn only per plot is permitted.

## Scattering of Ashes in the Cemetery

The scattering of ashes in the cemetery is permitted on a pre-purchased burial plot only, with the approval of the Parish Council and grave owner. Should you wish to scatter ashes you must have proof of ownership of the burial plot or the written permission of the grave owner. The certificate of cremation must be provided to the Parish Clerk and a fee will be charged for the permission to scatter.

The Council reserves the right to alter the foregoing regulations and the schedule of fees as necessary.

Burials prior to the 1995 notice may have been subject to different regulations.

The Parish Council cannot be responsible for any damage that is caused whatsoever.

All enquiries should be addressed to the Clerk or a Councillor.

### Breaston Parish Council Rules and Regulations Agreement Form

The right to interment will be purchased in the name of .....

Address .....

The undersigned agree to be responsible for ensuring that the Regulations are adhered to.

**I have read and accept the Regulations relating to Breaston Cemetery.**

Signature ..... Plot no ..... Date.....

Print names .....

The regulations are imposed to try and ensure the Cemetery remains a safe and pleasant place for the bereaved to visit.

#### Witness to signatures

Name: ...G Mounsey..... Name: ...Nicala O'Leary.....

Position: ...Councillor..... Position: ...Clerk.....

Signature:..... Signature: .....

**One copy to be retained by the plot owner and one copy to be returned to the Parish Council.**