



# AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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## AMESBURY CEMETERY, RECREATION ROAD, AMESBURY and AMESBURY CEMETERY, STOCKPORT AVENUE, AMESBURY

### CEMETERY REGULATIONS

#### 1. Use of the Cemetery

- a) The cemetery is available for the interment of any deceased person regardless of origin, subject to the appropriate fees being paid.  
If a parishioner of more than 20 years standing had moved out of the parish to a nursing/residential home or a relative/friend due to infirmity or illness less than 10 years before their death a Parishioner Fee for interment and memorials shall apply.
- b) It is the responsibility of the funeral director to ensure that next of kin receive a copy of the Cemetery Regulations, and sign to agree to them before instituting the interment procedures.
- c) It is the responsibility of the Town Council through the Town Clerk, to allocate grave spaces provided that the application is made at least two clear working days before the interment.
- d) The cemetery records are held by the Town Clerk but only go back to 1969. Whilst every assistance will be given with the tracing and identifying of graves in the older parts of the cemetery, the Town Council will accept no responsibility for failure to trace or identify a particular grave for the purpose of re-opening, and reserve the right to refuse to allow a re-opening where the correct location or identification of a grave is in doubt.

#### 2. Interment

- a) As from July 17th 1985 no exclusive rights of burial are granted.
- b) Double graves are permitted in terms of depth but not side by side.
- c) Ashes must not be scattered but buried either in an ashes plot or in an existing grave.
- d) After settling, all new graves and reopened graves are to be made level with the surrounding ground by the funeral director six months (or 12 months weather dependent) after burial to enable grass cutting machinery to maintain the cemetery. This precludes the cultivation of plants along the grave. The turf must be left intact and in recoverable condition after levelling.
- e) Floral tributes and other items placed along the grave at the time of interment will be cleared once flowers have deteriorated, leaving the grave clear of plants, containers, and other items except at the head. No fences, or removal of turf or adding of material to create a grave boundary are permitted. **Kerbs are permitted but must have a stone or concrete slab in the centre to prevent growth of vegetation. Every care will be taken, but the owner must accept possible damage to a kerb by machinery in the maintenance of the cemetery.**

#### 3. Grave Digging

- a) Grave digging and filling are the responsibility of the funeral director along with damage if any, to other graves and or memorials during the work. Proper respect for other existing graves should be paramount when digging and filling of graves through the avoidance trampling and through the proper protection and surface reinstatement of adjacent graves during and after any re-opening.
- b) The funeral director is responsible for the observation of all proper safety precautions, both for their employees and any third parties during the digging and filling in of graves.
- c) Prior to entry for the purpose of carrying out grave digging or other such work as may be required in connection with each and every interment, evidence must be available that they are adequately insured against loss, damage, injury, cost charges or expenses which may be made by any third person, member of the public, or employee of the funeral director, or the exercise of the said right by him, whether the same, shall be in respect of loss of life or personal injury, and the Town Council is fully indemnified in respect thereof.
- d) It is the responsibility of the funeral director to level the grave flush with the surrounding ground

after six months (or 12 months weather dependent). The funeral director must respond at the earliest practicable time to the Town Council's request to level any grave.

- e) The funeral director is responsible for the supply of all grass mats, grave boards and webbing etc, and the removal of surplus soil to the nearest soil dump in the cemetery immediately following an interment, and for leaving the area around the grave in a clean and tidy condition, to the satisfaction of the Cemetery Clerk.

#### **4. Memorials**

- a) A headstone, cross, tablet or vase may be placed at the head of each grave.
- b) Any proposed memorial requires approval and must not exceed **2ft 6in** in height, **2ft** in width and **12ins** in depth.
- c) Only one memorial per grave will be permitted, except that graves with kerbs may have an additional vase.
- d) No fence may be erected around a grave as from October 2016.
- e) Existing gardens in areas 'A' & 'B' may remain as long as they are cared for and not extended. The Town Council reserves the right to level neglected gardens after six weeks notice is given by way of a levelling notice placed on the grave or sent to the next of kin if that is possible.
- f) On ashes plots at Recreation Road Cemetery, a cremation tablet not exceeding 18" x 12" x 5" may be laid over ashes. On ashes plots at Stockport Avenue Cemetery, a cremation tablet not exceeding **18" x 18" x 5"** may be laid over ashes. All care will be taken, BUT THE OWNER MUST ACCEPT POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO A RAISED MEMORIAL BY MACHINERY IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY. THE TOWN COUNCIL OR ITS CONTRACTOR ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY REPAIR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SUCH DAMAGE.
- g) A flower container may be incorporated in the cremation tablet or placed on it. Other vases, pots, solar lights, or mementos will be removed after a period of 3 months following interment.
- h) Flowers which are dead or have faded or blown about, will be removed.
- i) No glass bottles, glass vases, plastic containers, china or earthenware pots should be used.

#### **5. Maintenance**

It is the responsibility of the Town Council to operate and maintain the cemetery in a sympathetic and cost-effective way.  
The owner must keep all memorials in repair.

#### **5. Damage**

If any damage occurs to Town Council land or premises when transporting materials, gravestones or memorials or from any other cause, those who have caused the damage will be held responsible and the Town Council will recover the cost of repair.

#### **6. Visitors**

- a. Visitors to Recreation Road Cemetery are requested to leave motor vehicles in the adjacent Bonnymead Park car park, leaving the entrance to the cemetery clear of obstruction. On leaving the cemetery visitors are requested to leave the gates closed.
- b. Visitors to Stockport Avenue Cemetery are requested to park in the small car park area at the entrance to the Cemetery. The area behind the barrier is for use during a funeral.
- c. The cemetery is an Alcohol-Free Zone. It is an offence to drink alcohol in this area.
- d. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. They must not play or climb near memorials.
- e. Dogs must be kept on a lead. All dog waste must be properly disposed of.
- f. Ball games are not permitted in the cemetery.

#### **7. Allocation of Grave or Ashes Plots**

Grave and ashes plots are allocated by the Town Council. These can be reserved in advance or when required. The Town Council operates a next available plot policy, it cannot accommodate requests for specific grave or ashes plots. Double plots can be purchased/reserved. An Exclusive Rights of Burial Certificate will be provided by the Town Council following the purchase of any grave or ashes plot.

## **8. Transfer of Ownership**

The Town Council must abide by the law relating to the transfer or inheritance of a grave or ashes plot. If the current owner is still living, they can sign over the Exclusive Rights of Burial Certificate to someone else if they wish, providing they notify the Town Council in writing of this change. If the owner is deceased the rules will vary dependent on whether a will has been produced, in which case ownership can be transferred via the Executor of the will. They are then responsible for identifying the right person to whom transfer of ownership should be made. Where the deceased has died intestate, it is still possible to transfer ownership, however, this in some circumstances will require the agreement of other members of the family. Where a family dispute results in a stalemate and the relevant consents are withheld, the ownership cannot be transferred. The various next of kin, through the use of a solicitor, may be the only way of resolving the matter.



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## ***VISITING AMESBURY CEMETERY*** ***Recreation Road***

Visitors are welcome to enter the cemetery in a way that treats it and other visitors with the utmost respect.

In seeking to maintain the cemetery in good order, visitors are requested to adhere to a few simple rules to help the Town Council keep it in the best possible condition in the most cost-effective way.

### **AVOIDING DAMAGE TO GRASS**

Visitors are requested to leave motor vehicles in the nearby Bonnymead Park car park, leaving the entrance to the cemetery clear of obstruction. Visitors' cars are not permitted to be taken into the cemetery to avoid damage to grass areas.

### **KEEPING GRAVES NEAT AND TIDY**

Floral tributes placed along the grave at the time of interment should be cleared once they have deteriorated, leaving the grave clear of plants, containers, and other items except at the head to facilitate proper grass maintenance. For the same reason removal of turf or adding of material to create a grave boundary will impede grass maintenance and is not permitted. This precludes the cultivation of plants along the grave.

A flower container may be incorporated in a cremation tablet or placed on it, but no other vase or pot may be placed adjacent to the tablet. Any additional vases, pots, solar lights, or mementos will be removed after a period of 3 months following interment.

No glass bottles, glass vases, plastic containers, china or earthenware pots should be placed on graves or cremation tablets.

Please remove dead or faded flowers from a visited grave and place them in the bins provided. Flowers and containers which have been blown about will be disposed of.

No fence may be erected around a grave but a headstone, cross, tablet or vase may be placed at the head of each grave. (Existing gardens in areas 'A' & 'B' may remain as long as they are cared for and not extended).

### **NO ALCOHOL**

The cemetery is an Alcohol-Free Zone. It is an offence to drink alcohol in this area.

### **CHILDREN AND DOGS**

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. They must not play or climb near memorials.

Dogs must be kept on a lead. All dog waste must be properly disposed of.

Ball games are not permitted in the cemetery.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **OPEN TO ALL**

The cemetery is available for the interment of any deceased person regardless of origin, subject to the appropriate fees being paid. As from July 17th 1985 no exclusive rights of burial are granted.

Unfortunately, other than the interment of ashes or interment into an existing double plot, no burials may now take place due to lack of space.

The Town Clerk must be contacted via a funeral director first before any remains or memorial of any kind other than floral tributes is left in the cemetery. Ashes must not be scattered but buried either in an ashes plot or in an existing grave.

### **CEMETERY RECORDS**

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### **AVOIDING DAMAGE TO GRASS**

Visitors are requested to leave motor vehicles in the small parking area within the cemetery gates. The car park beyond the barriers is for use during funerals only. Visitors' cars are not permitted to be taken beyond this area to avoid damage to grass areas.

### **KEEPING GRAVES NEAT AND TIDY**

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Please remove dead or faded flowers from a visited grave and place them in the bins provided. Flowers and containers which have been blown about will be disposed of.

As from 1987 no fence may be erected around a grave but a headstone, cross, tablet or vase may be placed at the head of each grave.

### **NO ALCOHOL**

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### **CHILDREN AND DOGS**

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