

HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

HADLEY CEMETERY – MEMORIAL POLICIES

GENERAL

All memorials, including wooden crosses, must be installed by a monumental mason who is the holder of a current licence to carry out work in Hadley Cemetery.

Artefacts, images or monuments deemed by the Council to have satanic connotations are unacceptable and will be removed without notice.

A fee is payable to the Council for permission to erect a memorial, or to add an inscription. Please see the current scale of charges.

HEADSTONES

Headstones are permitted up to 36 inches (91cm) in height (26 inches (66cm) in the area for the burial of cremated remains), provided that they are of granite or some other natural stone. The height includes the base of the memorial. The maximum permitted overall width is 36 inches (91cm) (18 inches (46cm) in the area for the burial of cremated remains).

Memorials which include stained glass panels are permitted provided that the glass is set into the stone and securely fixed. ***Please ask your monumentalist to contact the cemetery superintendent*** at 85 Hadley Park Road, Hadley, Telford, TF1 6PN (telephone number 01952 - 223418).

KERBSTONES

Kerbstones are permitted, provided that they are of granite or other natural stone and contain a slab or slabs which occupy the whole of the area contained by the kerbstones. (That is to minimise the possibility of weeds growing within the kerbstone). The kerbstones must cover an area no greater than 80 inches (203cm) long and 36 inches (91cm) wide, and be no taller than 6 inches (15cm). The material must be approved by the Council - ***please ask your monumentalist to contact the cemetery superintendent. Please note that the Council reserves the right to remove kerbstones if, in the Council's opinion, graves are not maintained to a satisfactory standard.***

STONE CHIPPINGS, PEBBLES AND GRAVEL

Stone chippings, pebbles or gravel may not be used on graves **except** when they are contained within a kerbstone of approved materials, and provided that the ***approval of the cemetery superintendent is obtained.***

WOODEN CROSSES

As an alternative to headstones, wooden crosses are permitted, provided that: (a) they are placed in line with headstones in the row; (b) they are made of treated hardwood; (c) they do not exceed 36 inches (91cm) in height above ground (26 inches (66cm) in the area for burial of cremated remains), and 24 inches (61cm) in width. ***Please ask your monumentalist to contact the cemetery superintendent.***

STONE TABLETS

Flat, stone tablets may be set below the level of the turf. ***Please ask your monumentalist to contact the cemetery superintendent.***

INFORMAL FLOWER VASES

No more than **TWO** informal flower vases may be placed on a grave, provided that the Council's approval is obtained. If you would like to obtain approval, ***please contact the cemetery superintendent.*** When you have obtained permission, please place the vase(s) at or near the head of the grave - so as to facilitate maintenance.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Plants and flowers may be planted, no more than 12 inches (30cm) from the headstone. ***Trees and shrubs cannot be planted.***

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS

Artificial flowers must be placed in containers at or near the head of the grave and must not be stuck into the turf. (This is for safety reasons and to facilitate maintenance).

OTHER MATERIALS

The cemetery superintendent has authority to remove any materials which, in his view, constitute a health-and-safety hazard. ***Separate, loose or freestanding items made from glass are not permitted.***

Requests to place any items not included above should be submitted to the Council for consideration. The Council's decision in respect of any such requests is final and binding.