



Prudhoe

TOWN COUNCIL

EDGEWELL CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Prudhoe Town Council is the burial authority for Prudhoe. The Council want Edgewell Cemeteries to offer a safe and comforting environment for those who visit and for them to be maintained to a high standard.

Any comments or concerns regarding Edgewell Cemeteries should be directed to the Clerk:

(Office) 01661 835487 (Mobile) 07495856624 (email) info@prudhoetowncouncil.gov.uk

Edgewell Cemetery is open to the public 24 hours/every day.

Whether or not exclusive rights of burial have been granted, permission is required to scatter cremated remains. Also, no interment of ashes should be carried out without prior arrangement and permission by the Council.

Please be aware that adjacent graves may need to be opened. The Council will ensure this is done sympathetically, but this may temporarily restrict access to your grave.

The Cemeteries are maintained as lawned areas, and the Council is responsible for grass cutting. To ensure the Cemeteries are kept neat and tidy, and to facilitate the use of the machinery to cut grass and deter weed growth, the following are absolutely prohibited:

- Kerbstones
- Decorative fencing of any kind, or other types of edging enclosing graves
- The planting of flowers, trees, shrubs, bulbs, gravel, ornaments etc. (except items placed on the memorial base/plinth)

Where deed holders place kerbstones, fencing, ornaments and/or planting on the grave, the Council is unable to carry to essential maintenance, and the deed holder will be expected to maintain the grave themselves. If, as a result, graves are not adequately maintained, the Council will contact the deed holder and request that items are removed.

It is particularly important to note that periodic topping up of graves is carried out in the two years following a burial; items placed atop the grave will thwart this essential work.

A single memorial may be placed at the head of the grave, following application by a licenced memorial mason, on behalf of the deed holder. A list of licenced memorial masons can be obtained from the Council. Every memorial application, including additional inscriptions and/or cleaning, are subject to approval by the Clerk to the Council, prior to work being granted permission. Deed holders are encouraged not pay for services until approval has been given.



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The Council accepts no liability for loss of, damage to, or breakage of memorials or items placed on them. Owners of memorials may wish to consider taking out insurance cover against theft of, or damage to, memorials occurring through vandalism, severe weather conditions, or by accident.

The Council periodically carries out stability testing of all memorials in accordance with guidelines issued by the Ministry of Justice. Where the stability test indicates that any memorial requires remedial work to make it safe, a hazard warning sticker is placed on the memorial and the Council will contact the deed holder. The Council communicates full details at the time of testing (currently every five years).

Dogs must always be kept on a leash and owners must always clear up after their dogs; failure to do so is a summary offence punishable with a fine.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible person when visiting the cemetery.

Visitors are reminded to deposit all rubbish, including waste flowers, wreaths, and litter, in the bins provided.

Deed holders are reminded to advise the Council if contact details change.

Offences in Cemeteries

Section 18 of the *Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977* states that no-one shall create a disturbance, commit a nuisance, interfere with a burial, interfere with a grave or memorial or flowers etc, or play any game in a cemetery.

Section 19 of the Order states that such an offence is punishable on summary conviction by a fine.