



Fremington Parish Council



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FREMINGTON BURIAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS FOR FREMINGTON CEMETERY

1. Contact Details

- 1.1 Fremington Parish Council is the Burial Authority, all funeral bookings and reserving of graves must be made via our Burial Superintendent.

Burial Authority:

Fremington Parish Council
The Beechfield Centre
Beechfield Road
Fremington
Barnstaple
EX31 3DD

01271 321063

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Burial Superintendent:

W. S Gayton & Son Funeral Directors Ltd
Pickett Meadow
Old School Lane
Fremington
EX31 3UP

01271 342196

2. Charges

- 2.1 A schedule of fees and charges are published annually, a copy can be requested from the Parish Council.
- 2.2 Residents who live within Fremington Parish qualify for the reduced parishioner rate shown on the schedule of fees compared to non-residents of the parish. A resident is defined as somebody who, immediately prior to their death, was a resident of Fremington Parish, or who lived in the Parish for over ten years.
- 2.3 All fees relating to the Cemetery must be paid in full in advance.

3. Graves

- 3.1 Graves will be allocated on a next available basis at the discretion of the Burial Superintendent.



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- 3.2 The Cemetery is reserved for the interment of parishioners of Fremington Parish and those with a local connection.
- 3.3 The Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave can only be purchased by parishioners of Fremington Parish or those with a local connection and can be purchased for a period of 100 years. The Exclusive Right of Burial also allows a memorial to be placed on the grave once an interment has taken place, subject to the Council's memorial regulations.
- 3.4 A grave may be purchased/reserved in advance. The length of the lease commences on the day of purchase, not when the grave is first used.
- 3.5 A deed granting the right of interment for 100 years in a grave space will be issued by the Burial Authority and a register of all such grants maintained by the Burial Authority.
- 3.6 The Burial Authority will permit up to two grave owners to be named on a deed.
- 3.7 The Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave must be purchased in order to accommodate a second burial, re-open the grave or erect a memorial.
- 3.8 In the case of an intended interment (reserved space) in a grave space, where the right of interment has been purchased, the consent of the Grantee must be given under his or her signature.
- 3.9 Where a burial takes place in an unpurchased grave the Council retain the Rights and may bury other unrelated persons in the grave. Memorials cannot be erected on an unpurchased grave.
- 3.10 The Exclusive Right of Burial can only be transferred to another person via the legal process laid out in the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, i.e., assigned by deed or bequeathed by will. There is a cost for the transfer of the Exclusive Right of Burial which must be paid in full at the time of application.
- 3.11 The excavation, filling in and turfing of graves is to be carried out by the Burial Superintendent according to The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 Article 10 and Schedule 2 and the cost therefore be determined by the Burial Superintendent.



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3.12 A register of Interments and all other necessary records will be maintained by the Burial Authority according to the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 Articles 11 and 12 and Schedule 2.

4. Coffins

4.1 Coffins, caskets, and urns for burial must be made from suitable biodegradable materials such as wood, wicker, cane, bamboo, wool, cardboard etc. Non-biodegradable materials will not be accepted.

4.2 If a coffin or casket is of a size that two grave spaces are required, the grave purchaser will be charged accordingly.

5. Memorials

5.1 All monuments and vases, together with inscriptions thereon, are subject to the approval of the Burial Authority, and when erected must be kept in repair by, and at the expense of, the respective owners. If any memorial is erected without such approval, or if not repaired after reasonable notice, it may be removed by the Burial Authority. The placing of kerbsets, boarder stones, chippings, gravel or any other adornments is strictly prohibited.

5.2 Only BRAMM accredited or equivalent Memorial Masons will be permitted to work in Fremington Cemetery. Memorials in the Cemetery other than those fixed by a BRAMM accredited, or equivalent, memorial mason are not allowed.

5.3 The Burial Authority will only permit one headstone, not exceeding 914.4mm (3') in height or a tablet on burial plots and one tablet on ashes plots.

5.4 Memorials must be constructed of materials suitable to the environment and period of grave lease. The Council reserves the right to reject an application for any memorial that it deems unsuitable.

5.5 All requests for benches must be submitted via the Council's application for a memorial bench and in line with the Council's adopted policy. Benches will only be approved with the support of both the Burial Superintendent and the Parish Council and where space allows.

5.6 All questions as to the fitness of any monumental inscription in the Consecrated portion is determined by the Burial Authority.



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- 5.7 The Burial Authority accepts no responsibility for any damage which may occur to monuments or vases. Those responsible for the upkeep of graves should ensure that adequate insurance cover is taken out.
- 5.8 The Burial Authority will undertake Memorial Testing on a rolling programme. It is the responsibility of the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial to repair any memorial deemed to be unsafe. Please see the Parish Council's Memorial Testing Policy for full details.
- 5.9 The planting of shrubs, or similar is prohibited.
- 5.10 Memorials will only be permitted on grave spaces that have been purchased and the purchaser must provide prior approval.
- 6. Any person wilfully destroying or injuring any fence, tree or plant in the Cemetery, or injuring or defacing any monument or any inscription thereon will be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 Articles 18 and 19 and Part 1 or Schedule 2.**
- 7. Dogs are not allowed in the Cemetery.**

The Parish Council reserves the right to amend these regulations and to deal with any circumstances or contingency not provided for in the regulations as necessary.

Fremington Burial Authority
May 2026