



# Sherborne Town Council

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## Sherborne Cemetery

### Memorials

The importance of a memorial as a means of commemorating the life of a loved one is recognised by Sherborne Town Council and as such we like to allow the bereaved to have as wide a choice as possible. However, the memorial will need to be within the Council's regulatory dimensions. Full details are available in the Rules and Regulations available upon request.

It is important that you are aware that by placing a memorial in the cemetery you are accepting a number of responsibilities. The information below is not intended to worry you in any way but is required for the benefit of all those who visit the cemetery.

The memorial is the sole responsibility of the grave owner(s) and does not become the responsibility of Sherborne Town Council. Sherborne Town Council therefore accepts no liability or responsibility for any vandalism caused to any memorial.

It is the grave owner(s) responsibility to ensure that the memorial is maintained in a safe condition and does not pose a hazard to the visiting public or to cemetery staff. In the unfortunate event of a memorial being found to be unsafe at any time, Sherborne Town Council reserves the right to immediately make it safe.

Should your memorial require any maintenance or cleaning we advise you to discuss this with your memorial/stone mason.

You may wish to consider taking out insurance cover for your memorial. Your appointed memorial/stone mason should be able to provide you with advice.

Your appointed memorial/stone mason will submit an application form to erect a memorial or to add an inscription to an existing memorial to Sherborne Town Council on your behalf. The

application form must be signed by the grave owner(s) and by the memorial/stone mason. Once the grave owner(s) have received notification from Sherborne Town Council that the application has been approved and a permit has been issued, your memorial/stone mason can begin work. A memorial/stone mason would be ill-advised to commence work prior to receiving the necessary approval.

It is the grave owner(s) appointed memorial/stone mason's responsibility to ensure that the memorial is placed on the correct grave and to the required standards and that the ground is reinstated satisfactorily.

The right to erect and maintain a memorial on a grave is granted for the period of the Exclusive Right. Sherborne Town Council may authorise the removal of memorials from private graves where the Right of Burial period has expired or if the memorial has not been maintained.

I am sure you will appreciate that it is inevitable that grass cuttings may blow onto memorials during mowing operations. Every effort will be made to minimise this problem and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

It is the aim of Sherborne Town Council to provide the highest possible standards of cemetery maintenance within the finances available.

### **Floral tributes**

Flowers should only be placed in containers integral to the memorial or, for graves only, placed on the memorial base. Flowers and/or containers must not be placed along the grave as this damages the grass and prevents grass maintenance. Any flowers and/or containers placed incorrectly will be removed by Sherborne Town Council. Glass containers are not allowed as they shatter easily and constitute a danger to the public and maintenance workers. We ask that floral tributes are removed when they have deteriorated or become unsightly and, if not removed by the family, they will be removed by Sherborne Town Council staff on the family's behalf.

For further information or to discuss any of the above matters, please contact:

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