

Rawcliffe Cemetery Users Guide

The Rawcliffe Parish Council is the Burial Authority for Rawcliffe Cemetery.

Rawcliffe Cemetery is located on the A614 to the South of the Parish. The cemetery is open during daylight hours. Anyone visiting the cemetery outside these hours does so at their own risk. For all queries regarding the cemetery please contact the Parish Council.

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Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial

An Exclusive Right of Burial deed may be purchased from the Parish Council. This Right means a designated plot is held for 99 years, during which time the grave may not be opened or used as a grave without the written consent of the owner of the Exclusive Right or their representative. The Right must be purchased before interment or before a monument can be erected. Although the Right to Erect and Maintain a Memorial is included in the Exclusive Right of Burial, there is a fee payable at the time a monument is placed/altered. Transferring or selling an Exclusive Right of Burial must be authorised and carried out by the Burial Authority for which a fee is payable.

Purchase of a Grant by anyone who is not an inhabitant or parishioner of Rawcliffe or Rawcliffe Bridge will be doubled.

The fee for the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial is £270.00. Double for a non-resident.

Interment

The fee for interment is £140.00. If you are arranging a funeral without using a funeral director please contact the clerk for more information.

Memorial Benches and Memorial Trees

Memorial benches can be sited with the permission of the Burial Authority following a written application. Contact the clerk for more details. Memorial trees are not permitted.

Purchase of Garden of Rest - Exclusive Right of Interment of Cremated Remains

The Garden of Rest is for the interment of cremated remains. Memorials are permitted sized 18" square. Only bouquets, wreaths, or vases of flowers are permitted within the Garden of Rest. Floral tributes will be automatically disposed of after two weeks. Artificial flowers will be disposed of when, in the view of the Burial Authority, they have deteriorated and detracted

be unstable or not within safety standards will be made safe. All repairs must conform to NAMM standards and be carried out by an accredited mason. If a memorial is found to be unsafe, the Burial Authority always contacts the last known address of the deed holder. Should a memorial reach such a state that it is an immediate safety risk, despite safety arrangements made by the Burial Authority, the most extreme action will be the laying down of a memorial within the grave space.

Exhumations

No exhumation can take place without either: A Home Office License, or A Faculty. A Coroner can also order an exhumation by Warrant. Contact the clerk for more details.

Behaviour

Visitors must behave in a considerate manner at all times, respecting other people and the cemetery, keeping noise to a minimum and particularly not disturbing any burial which may be in progress. Wilfully interfering with any memorial, plot or memorabilia is not permitted and is a criminal offence for which perpetrators will be prosecuted. Games or sport of any kind are not permitted within the cemetery grounds. Children under 12 years of ages should be accompanied by an adult. Dogs are permitted to accompany a family member to a grave as long as they remain on a lead. Any person allowing a dog to foul in a cemetery is liable to be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Visitors are requested to keep to the defined roads and pathways. The consumption of illegal substances and alcohol is strictly prohibited within the cemetery.

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from the aesthetics of the cemetery. The Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial of Cremated Remains is £100.00

Interment

The fee for interment £100. If you are arranging a funeral without using a funeral director please contact the clerk for more information.

Purchase of a Grant by anyone who is not an inhabitant or parishioner of Rawcliffe or Rawcliffe Bridge will be doubled. Permission to scatter ashes within the cemetery must be obtained in writing from the Burial Authority.

Memorials and Grave Decoration

Grave decorations are restricted to bouquets of flowers: any items other than floral displays are not permitted. Inappropriate items will be removed. Permission for exemptions can be sought from Rawcliffe Parish Council. Dead flowers and bouquets should be cleared by the family and/or deed holder. Such items will be removed and disposed of after two weeks. In extenuating circumstances some items may be placed upon a plot for a period of six weeks, after which the items will be removed if the family has not already done so. The items must be moveable in order to allow ground maintenance and include: children's toys (dinkies, soft toys, etc), and balloons. Food and drink related memorabilia/mementos are not permitted and will be removed and disposed of immediately. Christmas wreaths must be removed by the end of February each year. All memorials must be made from stone/granite/marble or similar. All stone memorials erected within the cemetery must be installed by an approved mason with authorisation by the Burial Authority at an appointed time. Memorial headstones, monuments and grave markers should not exceed a height of 75 cm (30 in). The base shall be no wider than 36 cm by 92 cm (18 in by 36 in). Unless specified, memorials should be of solid stone.

Included within the charge for an Exclusive Right of Burial is a 10 year Grant of Right to Erect and Maintain a Memorial. This right allows the deed holder to arrange, through an approved supplier, the bringing in and erection of a memorial into the cemetery. There is a further fee payable. The deed holder is responsible for all repairs and maintenance required for the duration of the Right (including acts of vandalism so it may be wise to purchase some insurance): the memorial must be made safe to the standard of the NAMM and be carried out in agreement with Rawcliffe Parish Council. The Parish Council will attempt to contact deed holders to inform them of the need for repairs and to establish renewal of the Right.

The fee for the erection of a Memorial is £60. The fee for additional inscription is £40.

All fees stated on all sections above are double for non residents residing outside of the parish for more than 10 years.

Stability Testing

Memorials will be visually inspected then tested by hand. In cases when a more detail evaluation is needed, an accredited monumental mason will undertake an inspection. Memorials will be inspected every five years. A record will be kept of findings. Those found to