

# GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Regulations for the Lawn Cemetery and the Garden of Remembrance

The Burial Authority is Great Yeldham Parish Council which owns the burial ground and is responsible for its maintenance. It has planning consent for use as a burial ground.

As well as the Great Yeldham Parish Council cemetery rules and regulations, the Burial Authority is also governed by the Local Authority Cemeteries Order 1977 (LACO). Clause 3(1) of this order states: 'Subject to the provisions of this order, a Burial Authority may do all such things as they consider necessary or desirable for the proper management, regulation and control of a cemetery'.

All enquiries should be made to the Parish Clerk, telephone 01787 237832 or via e-mail at [greatyeldhampc@btinternet.com](mailto:greatyeldhampc@btinternet.com).

1. The burial ground is available to all of those who wish to use it.
2. As soon as convenient after interment of a body in the Lawn Cemetery, the Burial Authority shall sow seed or turf over the whole area of the grave.
3. No grave in the Lawn Cemetery shall be raised by turfing or in any other manner above the level of the ground immediately adjoining.
4. No person may remove the turf from a grave without the permission of the Burial Authority and a representative of the Authority must be present if the turf is removed from the area.
5. The Burial Authority will maintain the whole of the turfed area of the Lawn Cemetery. If desired, the deceased's relatives can assume responsibility for maintaining the turfed area of the grass adjoining the grave in question.
6. The Burial Authority reserves the right to assume responsibility for maintaining a grave which has been neglected for a period of twelve months. This will include the turfing of any unturfed areas.
7. No planting of trees and other plants, any type of wreaths, glass jars, vases or any other object whatsoever will be permitted to be placed on the turf or replace the turf. This includes such things as the scattering of bark or chippings/stones and the introduction of any fencing or kerbs. However, the Burial Authority will permit the placing of floral tributes for a period of up to ten days from the time of the interment.

8. Only approved memorials will be permitted to be erected on graves for which the Exclusive Rights of Burial has been purchased in the cemetery.
9. Headstone and crosses: please refer to the Burial Authority's rules on Headstones [here](#).
10. Vases may be provided in the base of the memorial if flowers are to be used. Where no memorial has been erected, a vase of natural stone can be used. Such vases shall not exceed 10ins or 25.5cms in diameter and 8ins or 20cms in height. Such measurements shall include the base on which the vase may be placed.
11. Breakable receptacles such as glass vases, jars, bottles and ceramic flower pots shall not be allowed upon the grave space and the Burial Authority reserves the right to remove any such items together with any dead vegetation.
12. All Christmas Wreaths must be removed by the end of February. After this date they will be removed by the Burial Authority.
13. Except for the purpose of properly attending any grave which he/she is authorised to tend, no person other than an officer of the Burial Authority shall remove any flowers or wreaths placed on any grave.
14. All memorials shall be soundly constructed and shall be kept in good repair and in default thereof the Burial Authority reserves the right to take such action as it deems necessary to maintain the proper aspect of the Lawn Cemetery and the Garden of Remembrance.
15. All headstones and inscriptions thereon are subject to the approval of the Burial Authority and a copy of every proposed inscription and a drawing showing the form and dimension thereof must be left with the clerk to the Burial Authority for at least two weeks for approval.
16. The Burial Authority cannot be held responsible for any damage caused to graves or memorials, except where it can be proven, that the damage is the result of grave digging or grounds maintenance operations.
17. Responsibility for any memorial erected on a grave remains with the Burial Authority. Any memorial which is considered a potential safety hazard may be re-affixed or laid to the ground without notice and all costs recharged back to the owner. The Council has the right to remove or to require the owner to remove any memorial stone which in its opinion contravenes the regulations.
18. Notice of any interments should be given to the Parish Clerk. No interment may take place on a Sunday. No burial may take place before 10.00 am in the morning nor after sunset.
19. The notice of interment is to be on the form provided by the Burial Authority and must contain the full name of the deceased along with their, age, date of birth, date of death and the parish in which death occurred in addition to the date and time of the intended burial, the situation and description of the grave and confirmation of whether the grave has been purchased along with Exclusive Rights of Burial.

20. The selection of the site for any grave space either by way of general interment or of purchase shall be at the sole discretion of the Burial Authority. Graves will be allocated numerically as they arise in the 'Register of Graves' held by the Burial Authority.
21. Exclusive Rights of Burial in a grave space may be purchased for a period of 50 years, commencing from the day of purchase. On expiry, all rights return to the Burial Authority unless a further period is purchased.
22. The "Certificate for Burial or Cremation" must be delivered to the Parish Clerk with the notice of Interment.
23. A register of burials will be kept by the Parish Clerk for the Burial Authority and searches may be made therein and certified extracts obtained therefrom at all reasonable times at the discretion of the Burial Authority.
24. The distribution of any tract, business card, advertisement or literature of any kind is not allowed within the cemetery.
25. The sale of any article or commodity is not allowed within the cemetery.