



Cemetery Regulations: Ilchester Cemetery

1 Applications and Fees

- 1.1 All applications for burials and memorials are to be made to the clerk of Ilchester Parish Council. Three days' notice of interment is required, not including Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays.
- 1.2 All fees and charges must be paid before the ground is opened or work commenced. All graves will be sold subject to the present or future regulations issued with regard to the cemetery. The right of burial shall be for a period of 75 years.

2 Interments

- 2.1 All bodies to be placed in coffins constructed of natural materials (for example wood or wicker, not metal) before burial and no more than one body to be buried in one coffin except by special permission.
- 2.2 Grave-spaces are 2750mm x 1300mm (9ft. x4ft 3ins.). **All graves to be dug to a depth of 1900mm (6ft. 3 ins.).** At least 150mm (6 ins.) of soil to be placed between each coffin if more than one interment takes place in a grave. Graves to be left level after interment and to be re-levelled after six months.
- 2.3 No grave may be opened nor any monument or gravestone removed without the permission of the owner and Ilchester Parish Council.
- 2.4 Before any grave is re-opened the person responsible for the interment must produce evidence of ownership of the grave, normally the Receipt of Purchase. Failing this an indemnity against all claims against Ilchester Parish Council will be required.
- 2.5 The Funeral Director is required after a period of six months to inspect the site of any grave dug at his direction and level the site if necessary.
- 2.6 Scattering of cremated remains is not permitted at Ilchester Cemetery.
- 2.7 Cremated remains must be interred into a grave space. If the cremated remains grave space in question is at full capacity, cremated remains may be interred to the grave space free from a container. Up to six sets of cremated remains may be interred into a full burial grave space, either in place of a second burial (for double depth plots) or on top of the final full burial in that plot. An application for burial must be made to Ilchester Parish Council (see point 1.1) and will be subject to the permission of the owner of the grave space (see point 2.3).

3 Memorials

3.1 Every memorial, vase or flower holder shall be placed on a concrete foundation 75mm (3 ins.) thick, to be placed at the head of the grave and level with the surrounding ground.

3.2 No memorial to exceed the sizes set out below:

3.2.1 Graves - Upright Memorial

Height	840mm (2ft. 9ins.)
Width	680mm (2ft. 3ins.)
Depth (front to back)	300mm (1ft. 0ins.)
Concrete foundation	900mm x 450mm x 75mm thick (3ft.0ins. x 1ft. 6 ins x 3 ins thick)

Where two adjacent grave-spaces are purchased, a single memorial of up to 1500mm width may be erected on a concrete foundation 1700mm x 450mm x 75mm thick.

3.2.2 For Interment of Ashes - Upright Memorial

Height	660mm (2ft. 2ins.)
Width	450mm (1ft. 6ins.)
Depth (front to back)	300mm (1ft. 0ins.)
Concrete foundation	600mm x 300mm x 75mm (2ft.0ins x 1ft 0ins. x 3ins.)

3.2.3 Flat Memorial

Alternatively, for either a grave or for the interment of ashes, a flat memorial of a size 450mm x 450mm x 75mm (1ft. 6ins. x 1ft 6ins. x 3ins.) set on a concrete foundation will be permitted.

Note for all memorials: Where pre-cast reinforced slabs are used, the thickness of concrete foundations may be reduced to 50mm (2 ins).

3.3 Not more than one vase or unbreakable flower holder may be placed on any one grave-space or space for the interment of ashes.

3.4 Kerbstones to graves may be permitted at the discretion of the Council from whom permission must be sought. If a kerbstone is requested, a drawing showing the form and dimensions must be sent to the Ilchester Parish Council for approval prior to erection. The owner of the grave is responsible for maintaining the kerbstone (to the required safety standards) and any surface within the kerb. Ilchester Parish Council may, if the kerbstone is not maintained, remove the kerb and grass the grave – the council may recharge the cost to the owner at its discretion.

3.5 A drawing, showing the form and dimensions of every memorial and a copy of every proposed inscription must be sent to the Clerk for approval by Ilchester Parish Council before erection. The decision of Ilchester Parish Council will be conveyed to the owner or their representative. The registered number of the grave must be placed on each monument gravestone or vase.

- 3.6 All monuments, gravestones and vases are to be kept in repair by the owners. Ilchester Parish Council does not accept liability for any damage, however caused, to monuments, gravestones or vases in the Cemetery. Ilchester Parish Council reserves the right to remove any monument, gravestone or vase which is not in good repair or which does not comply with these regulations or which is not in accordance with an approved design.
- 3.7 Great care is taken to manage and maintain the grave spaces and the surrounding cemetery grounds. Ilchester Parish Council does not accept liability for any damage caused to floral or memorial tributes that are placed onto the wider grave area, away from the fixed memorial. Owners do so at their own risk.

4 Flowers and Plants

- 4.1 Flower holders are subject to approval by Ilchester Parish Council before being placed upon graves. Glass domes are prohibited. Artificial flowers are only permitted between October and March of each year.
- 4.2 The planting of trees, shrubs or flowers on graves is not permitted.
- 4.3 All dead flowers are to be removed from graves and deposited on the site provided.
- 4.4 All surplus soil after a burial is to be removed and deposited on the site provided.

5 Conduct in the Cemetery

Children to be under the control of an adult.
No dogs permitted in the Cemetery.
No cycling in the Cemetery.
Cars are not allowed in the Cemetery, except with permission of the Council.
No person shall gather or in any way injure any flowers placed on graves or trees or shrubs planted in the Cemetery.

6 Alteration of Rules

Ilchester Parish Council reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time.

7 Metric Measurements

All measurements are to be made according to the metric dimensions shown above. Imperial measurements are given for guidance only.

END OF REGULATIONS