

HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

HADLEY CEMETERY – MEMORIAL POLICIES

GENERAL

All memorials, including wooden crosses and kerbstones, must be installed by a monumental mason who is the holder of a current licence to carry out work in Hadley Cemetery. A permanent memorial may be erected six months after a full interment. This allows time for the ground to settle, however you do not have to wait six months to apply. A memorial for a cremation plot may be erected within 2-3 months following the interment of ashes, memorial masons will ensure the site is suitable before erecting.

A fee is payable to the Council for permission to erect all memorials including kerb sets and wooden crosses, and for adding an inscription to an existing memorial. Please see the current scale of charges.

HEADSTONES

Headstones are permitted up to 36 inches (91cm) in height (26 inches (66cm) in the area for the burial of cremated remains), provided that they are of granite or some other natural stone. The height includes the base of the memorial. The maximum permitted overall width is 36 inches (91cm) (18 inches (46cm) in the area for the burial of cremated remains). Memorials which include stained glass panels are permitted provided that the glass is set into the stone and securely fixed. ***Please ask your monumental mason to contact Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council – 01952 245501 or clerk@hadleyandleegomery-pc.org.uk***

KERBSTONES

Kerbstones are permitted, provided that they are of granite or other natural stone and contain a slab or slabs which occupy the whole of the area contained by the kerbstones. (That is to minimise the possibility of weeds growing within the kerbstone). The kerbstones must cover an area no greater than 80 inches (203cm) long and 36 inches (91cm) wide, and be no taller than 6 inches (15cm). The material must be approved by the Council - ***please ask your monumental mason to contact the Parish Council. Please note that the Council reserves the right to remove kerbstones if, in the Council's opinion, graves are not maintained to a satisfactory standard.***

STONE CHIPPINGS, PEBBLES AND GRAVEL

Stone chippings, pebbles or gravel may not be used on graves **except** when they are contained within a kerbstone of approved materials, and provided that approval has been obtained from Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council.

WOODEN CROSSES

As an alternative to headstones, wooden crosses are permitted, provided that: (a) they are placed in line with headstones in the row; (b) they are made of treated hardwood; (c) they do not exceed 36 inches (91cm) in height above ground (26 inches (66cm) in the area for burial of cremated remains), and 24 inches (61cm) in width. ***Please ask your monumental mason to contact the Parish Council.***

STONE TABLETS

Flat, stone tablets may be set below the level of the turf. ***Please ask your monumental mason to contact the Parish Council***

INFORMAL FLOWER VASES

No more than **TWO** informal flower vases may be placed on a grave with the Cemetery manager's approval. Please place the vase(s) at or near the head of the grave - so as to facilitate maintenance. It would be helpful if vases could be marked with the grave number. **FOR SAFETY REASONS GLASS VASES ARE NOT PERMITTED AND WILL BE REMOVED**

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Plants and flowers may be planted, no more than 12 inches (30cm) from the headstone. ***Trees and shrubs may not be planted.***

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS

Artificial flowers must be placed in containers at or near the head of the grave and must not be stuck into the turf. (This is for safety reasons and to facilitate maintenance).

OTHER MATERIALS

The Parish Council has authority to remove any materials which, in his view, constitute a health and safety hazard. ***Separate, loose or freestanding items made from glass are not permitted.*** Artefacts, images or monuments deemed by the Council to have satanic connotations are unacceptable and will be removed without notice.

Requests to place any items not included above should be submitted to the Council for consideration. The Council's decision in respect of any such requests is final and binding.

