



Biddulph Town and Woodhouse Burial Grounds

Rules and Regulations

These Burial Grounds are owned and cared for by Biddulph Town Council. Queries regarding the site and requests for the full regulations should be directed to Biddulph Town Council.

In order to ensure that the Burial Grounds provide a safe, comfortable and well-maintained space for people to reflect and remember loved ones, all visitors and users of the Burial Grounds are required to adhere to the rules below.

1. No dogs are permitted within the Burial Grounds (except assistance dogs).
2. No ashes are permitted to be scattered at the Burial Grounds. Ashes in caskets may be interred with the written permission of the Town Council.
3. Only individuals approved by the Town Council are permitted to build a grave, use grave digging equipment or erect memorials and only at the plot where permission has been granted.
4. All memorials must be approved by the Town Council prior to placement. Unauthorised memorials are subject to removal by the Council without notice.
5. The selection of any grave space shall be subject to the approval of the Town Burial Ground Registrar. The Registrar's decision in respect of the allocation of the grave space shall be final.
6. Anyone acting as a bearer during an interment does so at their own risk and only professional undertakers may participate in lowering the coffin. The Council accepts no responsibility for any resulting accident or injury to a bearer howsoever caused.
7. Wreaths and fresh flowers may only be laid direct on any grave for a maximum of three months following interment. After this period, a small vase or plant may be placed at the headstone, but the grave area must be left clear for mowing. Additional items are likely to be removed without notice.
8. Kerbs, railings or other forms of surrounds may only be placed with the written permission of the Town Council. This permission may only be granted where the ground conditions prevent lawned or turfed graves. Artificial grass is not permitted.
9. No vase, pot or container of any kind may be sunk into the soil on any grave, or placed in chippings.
10. In the Garden of Remembrance, only one vase may be placed per plot.
11. No tree or shrub shall be planted in the Burial Ground without the permission of the Council. Bulbs, plants and trees shall not be planted in the soil of any grave.
12. No bench may be placed without the written permission of the Town Council. Written permission will usually be granted for a time-limited period only, as per the Memorial Bench policy.
13. The Council accepts no responsibility for the condition of any memorial, grave, headstone or monument within the Burial Ground. The Council accepts no responsibility for making good any damage caused to monuments, gravestones or graves.
14. All users of the Burial Ground are required to take reasonable steps to ensure their own health and safety. While efforts will be made to minimise any risks, the Burial Grounds are not supervised, and users of the Burial Grounds must assess whether it is safe for them to enter, particularly during icy weather or when the ground is very slippery.