



## Calstock Parish Council

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### Cemetery Regulations and Fees

This document sets out the burial fees and regulations for the burial grounds in Calstock Parish (Albaston Cemetery, Calstock Cemetery and Calstock Churchyard which is a closed churchyard).

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## Cemetery Regulations

1. One permanent memorial is permitted at the head of each grave on application and payment of the appropriate fee to the Council. Other monuments, kerbs or borders (including wood, gravel, chippings etc.) will be only permitted at the discretion of the Burial Committee and permission should be sought beforehand – this includes non-standard material for headstones. Astro turf or artificial grass will not be allowed.
2. After two months from the date of interment temporary vases shall be removed to the head of each grave until a permanent vase, tablet or headstone is erected. Wreaths laid at the time of interment will be removed after two months. Christmas wreaths and poppy wreaths will be removed by the end of January. Wreaths remain a concession to point 3 until feasible, sustainable alternatives are found.
3. The Cemetery is now plastic free – no artificial flowers containing any plastic nor plastic ornaments will be allowed and will be removed with immediate effect (see point 2 above for the policy on wreaths).
4. People may plant bulbs and place earthenware pots with small plants and/or bulbs on the graves. Our workmen will take the greatest of care when tending to the graves – should you prefer your grave to be left, please place a wooden sign on it indicating this preference.
5. The Council prohibits the planting of large shrubs and plants on graves but permission can be sought from the Burial Committee to plant such shrubs elsewhere in the cemetery (these requests cannot be guaranteed to be approved).
6. Glass vases and wire fencing, or those objects which are easily breakable, will be removed at the discretion of the maintenance contractor if they are felt to be a health and safety issue - should you prefer your grave to be left so that items can remain in place, please place a wooden sign on it indicating this preference.
7. All refuse, trimmings and discarded flowers must be placed in the bins provided. Please do not place cellophane wrapping in the bins for vegetation.
8. The Council's cemeteries are open to visitors at all times, but the Council reserves the right to close them if the necessity arises.
9. The Council reserves the right to amend the cemetery regulations with immediate effect.

## **Exclusive Rights of Burial and Interments**

1. The purchase of the Exclusive Right of Burial (ERB) in a grave permits the Grantee or his/her successor(s) to erect a memorial on the said numbered grave subject to the conditions in force at the time of application – permission should be sought from the stonemason or monumental mason before installation.
2. Ownership of an ERB does not imply ownership of the land itself or the right to carry out any particular activity on the grave plot. The ownership of the land remains with the Council. However, the registered owner of the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial has the automatic right to be buried in the grave and may also allow others to be buried in the grave (space permitting). Cemetery regulations should be adhered to as set out by the Parish Council.
3. The selection of a purchased grave is, in all cases, subject to the approval of the Council or of a Committee or officers approved by them.
4. A plot must be taken in rotation, plots out of rotation will incur a higher fee.
5. The wishes of the person applying will be met as far as may be deemed practical but there is no guarantee permission will be granted for a request for a plot out of sequence.
6. All enquiries relating to burials, payments and the erection of memorials must be made to the Clerk to the Parish Council at the address below.
7. Applications for burial should normally be made at least 48 hours before the required time.
8. In all cases fees must be paid at the time of application. Payment may be made by cheques (made payable to Calstock Parish Council), BACS transfer (details on request) or card payment.
9. If an ERB is no longer required, a refund will be given at the discretion of the council and may be dependent upon how long ago the deed was purchased.
10. No permanent memorial will be permitted on a grave unless the grave has been purchased (in August 1993 the Council made the purchase of a grave at the time of burial, if not already prepaid, a mandatory requirement in its cemeteries).
11. Where the ERB has not been purchased (applicable to some burials prior to August 1993) the Council reserve the right to bury a body or bodies in the grave but not sooner than 25 years from the date of the previous burial.
12. It is the responsibility of the funeral director to ensure that a grave is dug in accordance with council and health and safety regulations and that a risk assessment has been carried out.
13. Each burial shall not be less than 1.83m (6') in depth, or in the case of a single depth grave

1.37m (4' 6").

14. Following interment, graves are to be backfilled after dispersal of mourners and others from the cemetery. No mounds are permitted, and all surplus soil must be taken to the areas designated for this purpose.

## Scale of Charges for Burial Grounds at Albaston and Calstock Cemeteries

### Interment Fee

There will be a fee of £150 for all interments. If people purchased and have pre-paid for a funeral plan in 2020 and 2021, they will not be charged for an interment fee.

### Exclusive Right of Burial in Earthen Graves

The exclusive right of burial in a grave must be purchased, the fees reflect whether a plot is purchased at the time of burial or if they are pre-purchased. All plots are purchased as 'next available' – a higher fee has been set for those wishing to purchase a plot that is not the next available and there is no guarantee permission will be granted for a plot out of sequence.

Full burial plots are all double depth.

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| For the Exclusive Right of Burial for immediate use* for <i>next available</i> Double Depth plot<br>(*where an interment date has been set within 4 weeks of application)  | £400.00 |
| For the Exclusive Right of Burial for immediate* use for <i>next available</i> Cremated Remains plot (*where an interment date has been set within 4 weeks of application) | £250.00 |
| For the pre-purchase of an Exclusive Right of Burial in <i>next available</i> Double Depth plot  | £500.00 |
| For the pre-purchase of an Exclusive Right of Burial in <i>next available</i> Cremated Remains plot  | £300.00 |
| For the Exclusive Right of Burial in a Double Depth Grave Space i.e. in an area not yet being used in the Cemetery   | £750.00 |
| For the Exclusive Right of Burial in a Cremated Remains Grave Space i.e. in an area not yet being used in the Cemetery   | £350.00 |
| Interment fee  | £150.00 |

The fees and payments set out apply where the person to be interred, or in whom the right is granted is - or immediately before death was - an inhabitant or a former inhabitant of the Parish of Calstock.

The fees will incur a 25% increase if the person has not lived in the Parish since they were 16 (unless they served in the Armed Forces).

The fees will incur a 50% increase if the applicant or person to be interred have never lived in the Parish.

A second or third interment in a grave will be at the discretion of the Clerk to the Parish Council depending upon the situation of the grave. If, for example, the Clerk considers that there is insufficient depth for an additional burial or the proximity of memorials is considered to make reopening a plot dangerous, in terms of health and safety, no additional burial will be permitted.

### **Regulations and Fees for the Erection of Memorials**

The Purchase of the Exclusive Right of Burial in a grave permits the Grantee or his/her successor(s) to erect a memorial on the said numbered grave subject to the conditions in force at the time of application.

**ONE** of the following permanent memorials is permitted at the head of each grave on payment of the appropriate fee to the council. An application detailing the design, wording and sizes of a proposed memorial must be submitted to the council and approval given **BEFORE** work commences on its manufactures and other monuments, kerbs or borders (including wood, gravel, cut etc.) will only be permitted at the Burial Board's discretion (and permission sought beforehand). **Headstones are discouraged in the Cremated Remains sections of Calstock and Albaston Cemeteries** and incur a higher fee.

All memorials must be fixed with a NAMM accredited anchor system.

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| To erect or place on a double depth grave a headstone (0.86m maximum height) | £150.00 |
| Tablets on a double depth grave (0.45mtrs x 0.45mtrs maximum size)           | £80.00  |
| Headstone of NO MORE than 0.45mtrs high on Cremated Remains plot             | £175.00 |
| Tablets on Cremated Remains plot 0.45mtrs x 0.45mtrs                         | £80.00  |

