

GUIDELINES RELATING TO THE BURIAL AND THE INTERMENT OF ASHES IN EAST HADDON CEMETERY

1. Purpose

East Haddon Parish Council is the burial authority for East Haddon Parish. These rules set out the Council's Policy in regard to the operation and maintenance of the Cemetery. The Cemetery is an open space available for all to visit, it is a place for remembrance, peace and quiet reflection, all visitors are expected to respect this.

2. Ownership

Ownership of the cemetery is vested in the Parish Council. The exercise of the right of burial or interment of ashes, the reservation of a grave space or the erection of a memorial do not confer any rights of ownership upon the relatives of the deceased person or upon any other persons in respect of any part of the cemetery.

3. Burials

Residence Entitlements

- i. Parishioners of East Haddon who live or have previously lived within the Parish boundary of East Haddon for over 5 years have a right of burial in the cemetery. Fees will be charged at the resident rate.
- ii. Parishioners with less than 5 years residence may be granted a right of burial at the discretion of the Parish Council. Fees will be charged at non-resident rate

Non-Residents Entitlement

The deceased who have not previously lived within the present Parish boundary of East Haddon but have an immediate family member buried in East Haddon Cemetery, may be granted a right of burial at the discretion of the Parish Council. Fees will be charged at non-resident rate

Non-Entitlement

Residents living within East Haddon parish boundary for less than 2 years who do not have a previous East Haddon address or immediate family member interred in East Haddon cemetery, are not entitled to be buried in East Haddon cemetery.

4. Plots

There are 2 types of plot; a full size plot in consecrated ground and a smaller cremated remains plot in un consecrated ground. A grave space shall measure

- i. **Full size plot** 7 ft by 4 ft (2.1m by 1.22m) and can be dug to single or double depth for the interment of a body or cremated remains
- ii. **Cremated remains plot** 2 ft by 2ft (0.61m by 0.61m) and can be dug to a single or double depth for the interment of cremated remains only.

All graves must be excavated and prepared for interment by contractors of Funeral Directors. No other person or company will be permitted to undertake any excavation within the cemetery except with the express permission of the Parish Clerk.

Grave plots cannot be reserved for unborn children or un-nominated persons. The place of burial, unless a particular grave has been reserved, is at the discretion of the Parish Council.

5. Ashes: If ashes are buried in a container, the container must be of a perishable nature.

6. The exclusive right of burial (EROB) in the cemetery is for a period not exceeding 50 years. The right of burial extends to the interment of ashes after cremation.

7. Application for Interment

All burials shall be arranged and carried out under the supervision of a Funeral Director

An application form can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or downloaded on the Parish Council website www.easthaddonparishcouncil.gov.uk

8. Lawn Maintenance

East Haddon cemetery is a lawn type cemetery to allow ease of maintenance and will be mown regularly by the Parish Council. Planting, placing of flower containers and mounding of the grave is not permitted as it will prevent regular maintenance being carried out.

9. Borders

Flat stones, kerbstones, fencing or any other forms of enclosure or border are not permitted nor is trenching, gravelling or other forms of boundary marking.

10. Plants, Tree and Shrubs

Potted or planted trees or shrubs are not permitted on or near the grave

11. Graveside Decorations

Windmills, chimes, or other similar ornaments are not permitted on any graves. The Parish Council respectfully reserves the right to remove these items.

12. Flowers

Natural flowers are preferred; all wreaths and flowers, when past their best will be removed, as will unsuitable artificial flowers which affect the maintenance of the cemetery.

13. Grave Upkeep

Grave upkeep is the responsibility of the family of the deceased or plot owner. The Parish Council reserves the right to tidy up neglected or untended graves. The Parish Council shall be indemnified by persons carrying out any work in the cemetery against any claims arising from all works. The council accepts no liability for claims arising from work carried out by third parties. The Council accepts no responsibility for damage or loss howsoever caused.

The above rules are made so that a tranquil and dignified atmosphere can be maintained, and we kindly ask for your cooperation.

The administration of the cemetery is managed by the Parish Clerk any complaints or management issues are to be reported to the Parish Clerk. In the event of a dispute over any decision made by the Parish Clerk in the administration of the cemetery, a final decision will be made by the Parish Council at a full meeting.