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**Eckington Cemetery**  
**Summary of Rules and Regulations**

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## **Introduction**

The Eckington Parish Council manages and maintains the Cemetery on Sheffield Road.

All burial facilities are managed by the Superintendent.

The Cemetery and Offices are located as follows:

Eckington Cemetery  
Sheffield Road  
Eckington  
Sheffield  
S21 9FP

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This booklet will tell you how the Cemetery is managed and how we can help you to provide a lasting and respectful legacy.

The grounds are maintained for the benefit of all who visit and it is necessary to have in place Rules and Regulations. Whilst this booklet outlines some of those rules a full copy of the Rules and Regulations can be obtained from your Funeral Director or by contacting the Cemetery Office.

# 1 Rules and Regulations

These Regulations have been made by the Eckington Parish Council in relation to the Sheffield Road Cemetery.

The Parish Council reserves the right to make alterations, additions or amendments to the Rules and Regulations from time to time as necessary or desirable.

1.1 The Cemetery Grounds shall be open at the following times:

	Monday to Saturday	Sunday
January and December	9.00 am - 4.00 pm	10.00 am - 4.00 pm
February and November	9.00 am - 5.00 pm	10.00 am - 5.00 pm
March and October	9.00 am - 6.00 pm	10.00 am - 6.00 pm
April and September	9.00 am - 7.00 pm	10.00 am - 6.00 pm
May, June, July and August	9.00 am - 8.00 pm	10.00 am - 6.00 pm

The Council reserves the right to close the Cemetery at any time without notice.

1.2 The Cemetery Office shall be open at the following times:

Monday to Friday                      8.30 am - 3.00 pm

1.3 Searches of the Register of Burials may be made at the Cemetery Office or on-line at [www.eckington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eckington-pc.gov.uk). Where a written request is made or where a certified extract is required then these will be provided (at the discretion of the Superintendent) on payment of a fee.

## 2 Arrangements for a Burial

2.1 Reservations for a burial may be made by telephone during office hours or in writing to the Cemetery Office for a new grave, where the current grave owner is the applicant or where the current grave owner is the deceased. Reservations will be regarded as provisional until formal notice has been received

2.2 The Council reserves the right to delay or cancel any interment where, in its opinion ownership of the Exclusive Right of Burial is disputed.

2.3 The selection of any grave space shall be subject to the approval of the superintendent and consistent with the general plan of the Cemetery.

2.4 The Council reserves the right to retain any grave space(s) for its own purposes.

2.5 A plan of the cemetery showing the position and number of each grave space is kept in the Cemetery Office and may be inspected during normal office hours.

### **3 Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial**

Whilst ownership of an Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave does not give any ownership whatsoever in respect of actual land, it does give the owner of the Deed the right to:

- (a) be buried in that grave;
- (b) authorise further burial(s) in that grave (where space is available), or the interment or scattering of cremated remains in or over that grave;
- (c) erect or place a memorial on that grave subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Council relating to memorials;
- (d) have inscriptions/additional inscriptions placed on a memorial on that grave subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Council relating to this matter.

Possession of a Deed does not necessarily give the person in possession ownership of Exclusive Right of Burial. Where the owner is deceased, subsequent ownership depends upon whether or not the deceased person left a valid will. The law concerning this matter can be very complex and it is strongly advised that a Solicitor be consulted to establish new ownership.

- 3.1 On the purchase of an Exclusive Right of Burial in a grave, a Deed of Grant shall be issued to the purchaser whose name shall be registered.
- 3.2 The exclusive Right of Burial shall extend for 99 years from the date of purchase.
- 3.3 The transfer or assignment of a Right of Burial in a grave must be notified to the Superintendent who will enter the transfer in the Register of Grants maintained upon the production of the deed.
- 3.4 Where no interment has taken place in a purchased grave the Council may agree to repurchase the grave. In such cases the Council will pay the original purchase price.
- 3.5 Notice for the interment or scattering of cremated remains must be accompanied by the Certificate issued by the Crematorium where the cremation took place.
- 3.6 Persons arranging for a burial in a non-private grave acquire no rights other than that of making a single interment in a grave.

## **4 Conduct in the Cemetery**

- 4.1 All visitors must conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner, and no persons showing the effects of excess alcohol or drug abuse will be allowed within the Cemetery grounds. The Superintendent has full power to exclude or remove any member of the public at his discretion.
- 4.2 Under the provisions of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order (1977), it is an offence for a person to wilfully:
- (a) create any disturbance in a Cemetery
  - (b) commit any nuisance in a Cemetery
  - (c) interfere with any burial taking place in a Cemetery
  - (d) interfere with any grave or vault, any tombstone or other memorial, or any flowers or plants in any such manner
  - (e) play any game or sport in a Cemetery
  - (f) enter or remain in a Cemetery when it is closed to the public, unless authorised by the Council to do so.

Persons who contravene these provisions shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding £100.00.

- 4.3 Vehicles must not exceed 10 mph in the Cemetery grounds and must park where indicated by the Superintendent who shall have power to exclude any vehicle which is considered unsuitable.
- 4.4 All Dogs are banned from the Cemetery Grounds except guide dogs and support dogs.
- 4.5 No person shall canvas or solicit for orders within the Cemetery unless the prior approval of the Council is obtained.
- 4.6 The permission of the Superintendent shall be obtained before photographing any objects in the Cemetery grounds.

## **5 Burials**

Burials shall normally take place between 9.00 am or after 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday. Burials are not permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays except by the prior permission of the Superintendent.

## **6 General**

- 6.1 On the day of a funeral, flowers and wreaths may be placed on the grave in which the burial takes place and left there for 7 days, after which the Superintendent will have them removed.
- 6.2 When the flowers and wreaths have been removed from the grave nothing else may be planted in the grave area. Any item planted on the grave will be removed without notice.
- 6.3 Any item which interferes with the maintenance of the Cemetery will be removed.
- 6.4 As soon as practicable after the interment of a body, the grave area will be turfed or grass seed sown.
- 6.5 The Council will maintain the whole of the grassed area of the grave.
- 6.6 No monument, vase or plaques may be placed or erected on the grassed area of a grave.
- 6.7 Seats can only be purchased through the Parish Council and will be positioned by Cemetery staff in keeping with the area and having regard to the health and safety of the public and staff.
- 6.8 Only memorial plaques are allowed to be attached to benches.
- 6.9 All visitors to the Cemetery must abide by these regulations and respect the nature of this area.
- 6.10 In order to respect the well-being of visitors to the Cemetery the Parish Council has banned dogs, with the exception of guide and support dogs, from the Cemetery grounds.
- 6.11 The Parish Council reserves the right to remove any item which in its opinion detracts from the cemetery setting as a whole or is considered to be a health and safety hazard.