

CHRISTOW PARISH COUNCIL

BURIAL GROUND, TEIGN VALLEY ROAD, CHRISTOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) All fees and charges must be paid in advance. In the case of a burial, the names, abode and age of the deceased, with the name and address of the undertaker, and of the minister engaged to perform the burial service (if any), the size of the coffin, the depth of the grave, the day and hour of burial, must be stated on the prescribed form at the time of giving the order.
- 2) The Registrar's Certificate for disposal, or the coroner's warrant where an inquest has been held, must be produced to the Burial Clerk at the time of paying the fees.
- 3) Two days notice must be given for internment in graves (exclusive of Sundays) and three days if a vault or brick grave be required.
- 4) Vehicles will not be allowed in any part of the cemetery except on the turning circle only.
- 5) The hours of internment are from 9 am to 5 pm. No internment on Sunday.
- 6) No grave is to be dug, or reopened, more than 48 hours before a funeral takes place.
- 7) A grave should not be dug and left open over the weekend.
- 8) When a grave is reopened and the soil is placed on top of an adjoining grave, care should be taken that it is not placed too close to the headstone.
- 9) All brick or stone work in the graves, and all foundations and fixing of memorials, or planting, shall be under the supervision and control of the burial authority or their appointed agent. Walled graves must have at least 2 feet 6 inches of earth on top of the grave below the surface of the ground.
- 10) No reserved grave-space shall be opened, and no vault or grave engaged for a family shall be reopened until evidence of the purchase thereof has been produced to the Burial Authority, nor shall any grave or vault engaged for a family be reopened by other persons than members of that family without the written consent of the parties interested and of the Burial Authority.
- 11) In all earthen graves coffins of wood only shall be used, and no coffin will be allowed nearer the surface than 4 feet 3 inches for an adult, or 3 feet for a child under 12 years. Every coffin in bricked grave or vault shall be separately entombed in an airtight manner.

MEMORIALS

- 12) No palisades, rails, posts, or any other fencing will be allowed. Neither any mounds on graves allowed.
- 13) A sketch of every monument or gravestone intended to be erected, with all dimensions marked thereon in plain figures, and a copy of the inscription intended to be inserted, must be submitted on the prescribed form for the approval of the Burial Authority, and no monument or gravestone will be allowed to be erected or inscription to be inserted without such approval. Inspections must be arranged to face the paths as far as practicable. Any question which shall

arise touching the fitness of any monumental inscription placed in any part of the Burial Ground shall be determined, on appeal, by the Bishop of the Diocese.

- 14) Details of any memorial work of any nature must be submitted on the prescribed form for the approval of the Burial Authority.
- 15) The back to front measurements of an upright headstone shall be no more than 15'' and the width shall not exceed 2' 6''. The maximum overall height permitted is 3'.
- 16) All memorials shall be covered by a guarantee against poor workmanship in respect of materials and construction for a period of 10 years. This guarantee shall be issued to the grave owner with a copy to the Parish Council.
- 17) All memorials installed are subject to a 30 year lease with regular safety inspections. A further lease may be purchased subject to the memorial being safe at the end of the lease period.
- 18) No memorial may be placed on a burial plot for a minimum of 12 months, except if the memorial is to be placed on undisturbed ground in which case it can be done six months after the date of burial. Memorials in the cremated remains section are exempt from the 12 month waiting period.
- 19) The grave number and section number must be etched on the base of the memorial and the name of the monumental firm supplying/installing the memorial must be on the reverse of the base.
- 20) New memorials and memorials which are being refixed must be installed in accordance with the NAMM Code of Working Practice (1st September 2003 edition and any new editions).
- 21) All graves and vaults and all monuments and gravestones must be kept in repair by the persons interested in their preservation. If any monument or gravestone is not kept in proper repair, the Burial Authority may remove or alter it in any way they deem necessary or desirable for the due order of the Burial Ground.
- 22) The Burial Authority's permission must be obtained before planting a miniature rose bush on a grave. The bush should be pruned so that it does not exceed the grave space. If this is not done, the Burial Authority may remove or prune it if they deem it necessary or desirable for the due order of the Burial Ground.
- 23) The hours of admission of the public to the cemetery shall be:-during the months of April to September (inclusive) from 9 am till dusk on Sundays, and from 7 am to 8 pm on other days; during months of October to March (inclusive) from 9 am to 6 pm on all days of the week.
- 24) The Burial Authority will not be held responsible for any damage whatsoever to any type of memorial.
- 25) All dead flowers to be removed and placed in receptacle provided.
- 26) Glass vases are not allowed in the cemetery.
- 27) The Burial Authority reserve the right from time to time to make any alterations in the foregoing regulations and the fees charged.