

Cremated Remains

Materials:

Only the same materials may be used as are permitted in the Chancellor's regulations, and the stone may be polished or unpolished. The Chancellor's regulations also apply to the lettering of memorial tablets. A full copy of these regulations may be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council, the Priest in Charge or obtained from the Parish Office at North Baddesley.

Size and position

Memorial tablets should be placed horizontally in the ground and should be a simple flat tablet no larger than 15" deep by 21" wide. This should ideally be level with the surrounding grassed area, but should not stand more than 1 inch above the level of the ground. It is helpful if the tablet includes a vase base, as there is little room between tablets for the placing of flowers.

Other directions

The same directions concerning Flowers, Images and symbols, wording and ornaments apply to Memorial Tablets for Cremated remains, as apply in the rest of the graveyard. Please see these sections above.

Parish of Ampfield - ADVICE ON MEMORIALS IN THE BURIAL GROUND

The choosing of a Memorial suitable to the memory of someone you love is always a highly personal issue. We know that you will take great care to make sure that the wording and design is appropriate to their memory. Please take your time over this and do not rush to a decision. Remember that what you eventually choose will stand for many generations, and once an engraving has been made on a stone it is very difficult to correct or adjust anything. Therefore, please take your time to come to your decision.

While these are general guidelines it is essential you consult the Vicar before placing an order for a memorial, to avoid any difficulties at a later stage. Memorial masons will show you many possibilities but there are quite close restrictions on what is allowed in churchyards, compared with what is permitted in Local Authority Cemeteries.

The Burial Ground is under the authority of the Parish Council, but is administered by the Priest in Charge under the rules and regulations of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Winchester. Therefore, any proposed memorial must comply with the current regulations in force. The Vicar can offer general advice and guidance but the final authority rests with the Parish Council.

From time to time the regulations change, it is therefore not advisable to assume that the features or materials of existing memorials in either churchyard will necessarily be permitted now.

We hope that this pamphlet will help you choose a stone that is both a fitting and dignified memorial to the person you love, and will be harmonious with the beautiful and historical setting of these two churchyards. We would be pleased to talk with you about your wishes before you make a final choice with the Stonemason so that the process of placing the memorial can run smoothly.

On behalf of Ampfield Parish Council

May 2009

Specific Directions by the Chancellor

Dimensions of Memorials:

Upright Headstones

height: 750-1200mm width: 500-900mm thickness: 75-150mm

The memorial may be mounted directly into the ground, or on a plinth. The plinth may include a Vase base, but we would ask that no separate tins, pots or glass vases are used as these tend to shatter when the grass is mown or after a frost, and then present the danger of sharp fragments to other users of the graveyard.

Different sizes apply to slate memorials, horizontal stones and children's memorials. Please ask for advice. There are also regulations about the sizes of plinth and vase bases, but all monumental masons are aware of these, or we can advise you about this ourselves.

Stone currently allowed:

Limestone: Portland, Purbeck, Derbyshire, York, Hopton, Nabresina, French, Portuguese.

Slate: Light Grey, Blue/black, Green.

Granite: Light Grey or 'Rustenberg' Grey (Charcoal Grey)

Marble is not a stone which is allowed for our churchyards.

All stones must have a totally Matt finish.

Images and symbols

Small carved images or symbols relating to the person's life, work or faith are usually permitted (eg. a tractor for a farmer), however these must be suitable for placing on a memorial in the graveyard of a Christian burial ground. Small painted engravings may also be permissible in colours that blend with the colour of the stone.

Lettering and wording

This should be fitting for a church burial ground. Full names should be given, although other names (*eg Sandy*) can be put in brackets. Lettering should be incised and may be painted in a colour to blend with the stone. Gold lettering has been specifically prohibited by the Chancellor for our churchyards (except for additional inscriptions on existing monuments).

Shapes

Standard memorial shapes are advised, although a stone in the shape of a cross or Celtic cross may be allowed after consultation with the Vicar. Heart shapes are not allowed.

The following are not allowed under any circumstances:

Photographs or ceramic portraits- permanently fixed or incorporated into the stone.

Kerbs made of wood, metal, stone, plastic or any other material.

Railings, chains, gravel, marble chippings or glass shades.

"Objects" - Stone, concrete, metal, plaster or plastic objects such as model people, angels, animals or toys, windmills, butterflies, lights, lanterns or anything designed to emit a sound may not be added to a grave, and if they are added we will respectfully ask you to remove them.

Flowers

Silk flowers are now permitted by the Chancellors regulations, but not plastic ones. However it should be remembered that even silk flowers eventually decay, and will be removed when significantly faded or discoloured.

The area of the Grave

The area in front of the memorial should be left as a plain grassed area for simplicity of maintenance by the contractors. Bulbs may be planted, but no other plants or shrubs.