

Headstones

- All Headstones/Memorials and Inscriptions must have prior approval by the Town Council.
Plans/drawings are normally submitted by the Memorial Mason.
- No Headstones shall be erected until a period of 6 months has passed in order to allow for natural subsidence of the earth.
- All upright stones shall be set in a stone base with sufficient foundation and be of Monolithic design.
- No Headstone should exceed 1m in height.
- Plaques in the New Garden of Remembrance need to be a standard square 450mm x 450mm x 50mm or wedge 450mm x 450mm—Height 100mm x 50mm and can contain a vase(s) within the plaque itself—but nothing additional is allowed. Please contact the office if you have any queries before you order.
- No footstones or kerbs are permitted.
- Every Headstone must be kept in good condition and repair by the owners who are responsible for the maintenance. The Town Council reserves the right to take the necessary action on any Headstone which has been neglected or does not comply with these regulations. These will be inspected on a regular basis in accordance and laid down if not found to meet required standards. There may be instances when a Headstone/Memorial will need to be removed in order to allow access to another grave. In these circumstances the Town Council will replace in the original position and test it to make sure it meets Health & Safety Requirements.
- No bushes or solar lights are allowed on any of the Graves or in the Garden of Remembrance.

Fees

These fees apply where the person to be interred is or was up until their last 2 years of life, an inhabitant of the Parishes of Sedgfield, Bradbury or Mordon.
In all other cases the fees will be trebled.

There are exceptional circumstances to this policy as below: -

- Person to be interred already has purchased grave. (Partners may or may not already be interred)
Ordinary scale of fees apply
- Person to be interred has for the last 2 to 3 years lived outside Sedgfield i.e. for example health care has necessitated residence in home/other
Ordinary scale of fees apply
- Person to be interred does not have a purchased grave and has lived outside the Parish between 3—5 years
Double scale of fees apply

Interments

Only single depth graves are now allowed—a further single (side by side) may be reserved at the time of purchase)

	Dig	Purchase	Total
New single grave	£300 +	£220 =	£520
Additional single grave		£220 =	£220
Ashes in a new grave	£110 +	£220 =	£310
Interment of ashes in existing grave			£110
Interment of ashes / or plaque only in Garden of Remembrance			£110
Purchase / Reserve a grave without interment			£220

(In line with existing graves only)

(Please note that burials cannot be guaranteed on Mondays and specific agreement must be obtained before such can take place).

NO RESERVATIONS ALLOWED IN GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

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- Right to erect a Headstone £ 60
- No fee is payable for Inscriptions
- No fee is payable to place a plaque on plots within the Garden of Remembrance.

SEDGFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



BUTTERWICK ROAD CEMETERY (1ST JAN 2011)

For further information and details please contact

Sedgfield Town Council
The Council Offices, Advice & Information
Centre, Sedgfield
Tel. 01740 621273



General Information

Sedgefield Cemetery is situated on Butterwick Lane. This is down the Front Street, left at the Dun Cow and along East End. The Cemetery Lodge stands back in the grounds behind the green gates.

Parking is limited, and should be outside the actual gates.

Please note there are no public toilets available for public use either at funerals or when visiting the Cemetery.


The Cemetery is open every day, usually during daylight hours, although the Cemetery gates are locked every evening.

The actual burial areas are accessed by walking up the main pathway between the shrubs and trees, and consists of 2 main sections to the left and right of the pathway.

Section B on the left is now nearly filled—the empty spaces have usually been reserved for future interments, whilst the Section A to the right is being used at the present time. It is no longer possible to reserve spaces on this side other than next to graves which are presently being used.

On the right before the main sections is a small paved area with a seat and small memorial. This is to remember the many stillborn children who were buried here in the past. In the Spring snowdrops flower.

Beyond the two large sections are the Gardens of Remembrance. These are for the burial of ashes, and plaques may be then laid over the plot. Adjacent lies a small sheltered area where one can sit and remember.




Short History

This Cemetery has been used since approximately 1908. It consists of nearly 4,000 grave spaces and it replaced the old Cemetery on Beacon Lane and St. Edmunds Churchyard which were at that time fully used.

The Cemetery Lodge stands in the grounds. At one time this was home to the Sexton whose job it was to dig the graves and generally maintain the grounds, as well as attending each and every burial. In addition the Sexton kept all of the Burial records and accounts. Today, however, the work is done by contractors and the house is let.

The Cemetery records are retained in the Council Offices in the Advice and Information Centre. These can be looked at during office hours, (although it is advisable to telephone first), and are now well used by people researching their family trees. It is hoped to complete the computerised records, as soon as possible.)

To the far right is the Winterton Memorial. This remembers the many patients from the Winterton Hospital who were buried here. Many of these were in pauper's graves and have no headstones or markings to remember the person. It was felt, therefore, appropriate to make sure they were not forgotten.



Rules & Regulations

The Sedgefield Town Council is now responsible for the general upkeep of the Cemetery and the interments.

The general rules and By-Laws relating to the Cemetery and interments are available from the Council Offices, but the following are the pertinent regulations which should be borne in mind if you wish to purchase a grave.

1. No mounds over graves are allowed in the Cemetery.
 2. Glass containers are not allowed on graves, and flowers only will be allowed to be placed on the graves.
 3. All bodies buried in the Cemetery must be in a grave. Vaults are no longer allowed.
 4. All coffins must be at least 1m below the ground.
 5. From Jan 2011 it is no longer possible to inter bodies at a depth greater than 1.5 m. This includes graves which have already been purchased as double depth graves—in these instances double-width grave spaces will be offered instead—at no additional cost.
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