

In this pack you will find: ***A Brief Guide To Methwold Cemetery***
A listing of Current Fees
A copy of the Cemetery Regulations

& Forms: ***1A “Application For Exclusive Right of Burial or The Interment of Cremated Remains”***
2A “Application for Permission To Erect A Headstone”
3A “Application To Reserve Exclusive Right to a Burial Plot”.

If you should require any more information or have any concerns or queries whatsoever please contact the Parish Clerk whose details are shown on the next page.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO METHWOLD CEMETERY

Access: If walking, access can be obtained via the main gate from Stoke Road. If travelling by car, there is a track to the side of the cemetery with a car-park at the end.

Layout: The cemetery is laid to grass so that contractors can maintain it easily and keep the area tidy. This is important when relatives become increasingly frail or live too far away to maintain the grave space.

The cemetery is split into two zones, the Old and the New Cemetery. Within the Old Cemetery, which is now full apart from second interments in existing graves, there is a small area, still in use, for cremated remains. Traditional burials take place in the New Cemetery and increasingly families are choosing to have cremated remains buried there too. There is also a section reserved for children’s graves.

Burials: Burials usually take place in the next available space and this is normally arranged by a funeral director. Where a burial is desired in a particular location, such as adjacent to a relative, then this space, if free, can be purchased and you will be granted the Exclusive Right of Burial in that location for 100 years. Application for burial space should be made to the Parish Council using form 1A. The plot is either for a single burial or if purchased as a double plot, the plot may accommodate two burials, one above the other. Should you wish to reserve two plots for burial side by side this will require an application for two plots. Please bear in mind that in this case the plots are separated by a footway and should be treated as two separate plots. It is not possible to place a single grave stone between the two graves as this would block the footway impeding maintenance of the cemetery.

Memorials: Your funeral director can advise you on memorial designs and a short walk around the new area of the cemetery can give you a general idea of what is permitted. Form 2A “Application To Erect A Headstone” states the maximum sizes permitted and where a headstone should be located. A sketch or photo (from the stonemason’s catalogue) must be attached. The inscription on a memorial must also be submitted on this form for Parish Council approval and will generally be permitted as long as it is not offensive.

For the first 12 months a simple, temporary memorial will be permitted at the head of the grave after which time it will be removed.

Floral Containers: Immediately after burial there are often many tributes left covering the grave area. These may be removed after two weeks or sooner if they become unsightly. From September 1st 2013 - Flower containers should be built into the headstone tablet or be freestanding receptacles, not exceeding 20cm x 20cm x 20cm, placed within the area of the headstone tablet.

The Grave Space: This area must be kept clear and will be turfed level with the surrounding area. Apart from the headstone and flower containers, as described above, no other adornments such as shrubs or trees, fencing or kerbing of any type or any other adornment or similar items as determined by the Council, are permitted

Cemetery Fees (Start Date May 2018)

	Resident	Non Resident
Reservation of grave space (numbered plot)	£35.00	£500.00
Burial fees at time of burial will also apply.		

Burial In The New Cemetery

Child, stillborn to 12 years of age	No charge.	
Regular grave space (6x4). Single person	£125.00	£1000.00
Regular grave space (6x4) 2 person	£125.00 p/per	£1000 p/per

Garden Of Rest

Cremated remains in garden of rest or used grave.	£100.00	
Cremated remains in grave space unused.	£125.00	£1000.00

Monuments / Headstones

Headstone Max size permitted 915mm x 610mm x 102mm.	£60.00
Garden of rest/ grave small headstone Max. Size permitted 457mm x 381mm x 51mm.	£50.00
Garden of rest / grave flat to ground tablet Max. Size permitted 381mm x 381mm.	£45.00
Additional inscription to existing memorial	£30.00

Please note:

Fees must be paid before a 'Grant Of Burial' or 'Permission To Erect A Headstone' can be made.

For further information concerns or any queries, please contact:

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