

Ovingham Joint Burial Committee

Cemetery Fee Review 2023

- Previous discussions were based on an increase in Cemetery fees based on CPI (September 2022) which would have incurred an increase of 10%. CPI currently sits at 7.8% (April 2023). This was reviewed by the Committee at the meeting on 21 March and agreed that neighbouring Cemetery Clerks would be contacted to find out what increased are made in Prudhoe and Corbridge. Findings are detailed below.
- **Prudhoe Cemetery**
Fees have been increased by 3% for residents and non-residents, updated fees schedule is not yet available on their website or via the Clerk.
- **Corbridge Cemetery**
Fees have increased by 5% for residents and 20% for non-residents. The Committee approved this increase as the Cemetery is in a position where it may have to purchase further land and they wish to build up reserves to cover this. A copy of the updated fees schedule is attached.
- **NCC – Grave Digging Fees**
Northumberland County Council admin team have been contacted and the increase for grave digging fees is to be confirmed.
- Based on the above the current and proposed schedule are attached. The draft schedule of fees for Ovingham Cemetery 2023-24 shows an increase of 5%.

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(Wylam, Horsley, Ovingham and Ovington Parish Councils)

Ovingham Cemetery, Tyne Gardens, Ovingham

Cemetery Fees and Rules 2022-23

Weekday Burial*	Resident	Non Resident
Stillborn/Baby grave plot (up to one year)	£0	£0
Child under (from one to 18 years)	£185	£365
Adult Grave - single depth	£605	£1260
Adult Grave - double depth	£660	£1365
Cremated remains of any person	£250	£505
Scattering of ashes below turf level	£140	£205
Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial (99 Years)		
Stillborn/Baby under 1 year	£0	£235
Child under 16 years	£140	£295
Adult Grave - single depth	£150	£295
Adult Grave - double depth	£150	£295
Memorials		
Right to erect a memorial	£160	£315
Additional Inscription	£0	£0
Miscellaneous Fees and Charges		
Search of Cemetery Records	£45**	£45**
Certified copy of entry in register of burials	£50	£50
Register of transfer of right of burial	£50	£50

*Higher fees charged for interments on a Saturday

** Any additional costs incurred will be invoiced as necessary.

Cemetery Rules

1. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the Rules relating to the erection and maintenance of Memorials below.
2. In all matters relating to the Cemetery, the Committee's decision is final. The Committee acts under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 (as amended).
3. The Committee may prune or remove any plants, pots, ornaments, shrubs, grass or trees anywhere within the cemetery without notice or compensation, if the Committee at its own absolute discretion considers it necessary for the good order and running of the Cemetery.
4. After funerals all flowers and wreaths laid on the grave will be removed and disposed of not earlier than 14 days after the funeral takes place.
5. After Christmas all flowers and wreaths laid on the grave will be removed and disposed of not earlier than 14th February.
6. Grave Spaces – No marking, delineating or decoration of a Grave space is allowed. Any ornamentation on a grave will be removed. No part of the grave should be planted with any flowers, trees, shrubs, gravel etc. which will impede grass cutting and grounds maintenance operations. Grave spaces must be kept in a tidy condition. Please contact the Clerk if further clarification is needed.
7. All rubbish or waste flowers must be deposited in the litter bins provided.
8. Memorial headstones are not permitted unless the fee mentioned in Part 2 has been paid.
9. Grave kerbstones/decorative fencing are no longer permitted around any new graves in the Cemetery however existing curbs may be repaired or renewed.
10. Dogs must be kept on a lead whilst in the Cemetery and owners must clean up after them
11. The Non Resident Charge is payable UNLESS the deceased was a resident (that is within 12 months of/immediately before death) living within the Parishes of Horsley, Ovingham, Ovington or Wylam. This

also applies to former residents now living in residential care or a hospital/hospice outside of these Parish Council areas.

Cremated Remains

Scattering of ashes is allowed with the permission of the Burial Committee and strictly by appointment. A portion of turf will be removed, the ashes scattered and the turf replaced. This must be over an existing grave plot in respect of which the exclusive right of burial has been granted.

A headstone, memorial, vase or plaque will be allowed provided that the rules relating to Memorials (see below) have been followed.

Such a request has to be made in writing to the Clerk to the Burial Committee and a certificate of cremated remains must be produced.

Memorials

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1. No memorial shall be erected on a grave space unless a right to do so has been granted in respect of such grave space.
2. Owners of memorials should seek information on the possibility of insurance cover against theft or damage to memorials through vandalism, severe weather conditions or accidental damage.
3. A memorial shall not be erected, nor shall any inscription be inscribed, without the details thereof being approved by the Committee. **If any memorial is erected or an inscription inscribed without such approval or made in violation of these regulations, the memorial or inscription may be removed at any time by the Committee without notice.**
4. Every purchased grave memorial must be kept in repair at the expense of the owner. **In the event of a memorial being in a dangerous condition immediate action will be taken.**
5. All memorials permitted to be erected in the cemetery shall remain at the sole risk of the owner thereof and the Committee shall not be held responsible for any damage or breakage which may occur to the same.
6. Headstone/Memorials must not be more than 3ft 6 in (1067mm) in height including base. Vases must not exceed 1ft (305mm) in height.

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Adult Grave - single depth	£635	£1325
Adult Grave - double depth	£695	£1435
Cremated remains of any person	£265	£530
Scattering of ashes below turf level	£150	£215
Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial (99 Years)		
Stillborn/Baby under 1 year	£0	£245
Child under 16 years	£150	£310
Adult Grave - single depth	£160	£310
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Right to erect a memorial	£170	£330
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CHARGES AND RULES – 2023/24
72 hours advance notice must be given for all burials

PART 1: Burials [These charges apply if the burial takes place Monday to Friday]

		Standard charge	Parish resident
1	Body of a stillborn child or baby not over six months old	NIL	NIL
2	Body or cremated ashes of a child	NIL	NIL
3	Body of a person whose age at death exceeded 18 years	1920	825
4	Burial of an urn or casket of cremated remains	310	270
5	Cremated remains - scattered below turf level	199	199
6	For graves more than 5 foot deep a further fee for each additional foot depth of	205	205

PART 2: Rights granted

		Standard charge	Parish resident
1	Right of burial for 99 years	650	335
2	Right to construct and to burial in a walled grave	Fee by prior arrangement	Fee by prior arrangement
3	Right to erect a memorial for 30 years	575	575
4	Renewal of Right to Erect a memorial for a further 30 years	FOC	FOC
5	Right to place on grave a small memorial, including small block vase or plinth not exceeding 600mm(h) x 400mm(d) x 600mm (w)	FOC	FOC

PART 3: Other charges

		Standard charge	Parish resident
1	Search of burial register and for copy of the entry	35	35
2	Certified copy of entry of burial	35	35
3	Transfer of Right of Burial	65	65
4	Sale of memorial fixing saddle, each	170	170
5	Any item not described heretofore	Fee by prior arrangement	Fee by prior arrangement

PART 4: Cemetery Rules.

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- [7]. Memorial **headstones** are not permitted unless the fee in Part 2 has been paid.
- [8]. **Grave kerbs** are not permitted in the new sections of the Cemetery.
- [9]. **Motor Cars** are not allowed in the Cemetery without permission from the Cemetery Superintendent **and Dogs** must be kept on a lead at all times.
- [10]. **The Cemetery is normally open** between 9.00 AM and 4.00 PM [Dusk if earlier].
- [11]. **The Cemetery Superintendent is normally available for enquiries** Monday to Friday [Bank Holidays excepted] between 9.00 AM and 4.00 PM by telephoning 01670 622586 or email hexhamtynemillsdepot@northumberland.gov.uk.
- [12]. **The Standard charge is payable UNLESS** the deceased was before [that is within 36 months of] death a resident living in Corbridge Parish. This includes former residents who died in a nursing/care home or hospital/hospice outside Corbridge Parish.

By order of Corbridge Parish Council, Parish Hall, St Helens Street, Corbridge NE45 5BE