

Regulations Relating to Gore Cemetery and Arreton Churchyard
ARRETON PARISH COUNCIL AND BURIAL AUTHORITY
From 1st April 2026

1. The Grounds are divided into Consecrated and Unconsecrated portions, as shown on the Plans at the Office of the Burial Authority, and any duly authorised or recognised Minister or priest may officiate, provided that the Service be decorously conducted.
2. Notice of the requirement of interment is to be given to the Registrar between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at least two full working days prior to any interment.
3. The Notice shall be in the form provided by the Burial Authority and shall contain the following details:
Surname, first names and age of the person to be buried
The date of death
Address of the deceased
The day and hour of the intended burial
The situation, description and depth of the Grave
Whether purchased or unpurchased
Name of the Minister intended to officiate
4. All fees and charges in respect of interments are to be paid to the Registrar at the same time as giving the Notice above mentioned and at the same time the Certificate for Burial should be delivered to the Registrar by the person in charge of the funeral.
5. The selection of the spot is, in all cases both of general interment and of purchase, to be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority, but the wishes of applicants will be met so far as may be deemed expedient. Plot B is reserved for parishioners only, except in cases where a grave space was purchased before April 1992.
6. No burial can take place before 8 a.m. or after sunset without the special permission of the Burial Authority
7. Not more than one Body shall be buried in any grave, except the grave be purchased for the exclusive use of a family. This also applies to the burial of ashes in a dedicated cremation space.
8. A grave space can be purchased for exclusive right of burial. This confers on the owner the right to say who can be buried in the grave up to a maximum of two coffins, one coffin and up to six cremation urns or 12 cremation urns over two levels. Two cremation urns can be buried in a dedicated cremation plot. In accordance with The Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 all burial rights are issued for a fixed period. Arreton Parish Council currently issues them for the maximum period of 100 years and ownership can be transferred. Please contact the Burial Registrar for further details.
9. Only coffins or cremation urns of wood, cardboard or other eco-friendly biodegradable material will be allowed.
10. All graves and interment of ashes are to be dug, excavated and back filled by an appropriately qualified and insured grave digger having due and proper regard to adjoining graves and under the management, regulation and control of the Burial Authority. If a representative from the Burial Authority attends for the purposes of supervision a fee shall be paid in accordance with the current rate and shall be paid in accordance with Regulation 4 above.
11. No monument or stone (a memorial) shall be erected on or laid on a grave, except where the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased. All double depth graves must be purchased at the time of the first interment, if not previously purchased. Prior to any second or subsequent interment in a purchased grave, the written consent of the owners or their heirs must be obtained. All memorials are the sole responsibility of the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial. They are responsible for ensuring that the memorial is kept in a good, safe condition and the Council cannot accept any liability for repairing damaged or fallen memorials, or be responsible for any damage/theft or vandalism or any other circumstances beyond the control of the Council.

12. All grave stones monuments and inscriptions are to be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority and a drawing showing the form and dimensions of every monument and a copy of every inscription must be left at the office of the Burial Authority for approval, and the appropriate fee paid with such lodgement. Once this has been given, no alteration may be made without the permission of the Burial Authority.

13. No monument is to exceed 1.5 metres in height from the ground without the special permission of the Burial Authority, and no grave or monument is to be surrounded or enclosed with any railing or fencing.

14. There is a legal obligation on the Parish Council to maintain a safe environment in the burial grounds. Headstones will be checked on a regular basis and any unsafe memorials may be laid down to make them safe. The owner of the memorial will be contacted and asked to facilitate any necessary work.

15. Wreaths and cut flowers only may be laid on any grave. They must be removed when they appear withered. No more than two vases or wreaths of artificial flowers may be placed on a grave, except at the time of burial. No glass containers are to be used on any graves. The Burial Authority reserves the right to remove inappropriate material.

16. A Register of Burials is kept at the office of the Registrar, where at all reasonable times searches may be made and certified extracts obtained upon the payment of a £50 fee.

17. Any person who shall

- wilfully damage or destroy any building, wall or fence belonging to the Burial Authority
- destroy or damage and injure any tree or plant within the area of the burial grounds
- wilfully destroy damage or deface and monument inscription or grave stone within the burial grounds
- or do any other wilful damage therein

is liable on summary conviction to a fine. Any person making any unauthorised inscription or doing unauthorised work in the burial grounds shall be treated as wilfully interfering with graves and liable on summary conviction accordingly.

18. Should any individual have reason to wish to deviate from any of these regulations and charges, special application must be made to the Burial Authority through the Registrar.

BY ORDER OF THE BURIAL AUTHORITY

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