

ELY CEMETERY
BEECH LANE
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Rules of the Cemetery

Ely Cemetery is situated on Beech Lane, Ely. It first opened in 1855 and to date there have been 16585 interments. The Chapels were completed in 1856.

The Cemetery grounds are accessed from a double-gated sweeping driveway. At the entrance, there is a period house surrounded by mature woodland, and these trees continue to follow the curving driveway, so that as it is approached the cemetery is glimpsed through the different coloured barks and leaves against a backdrop of lush green lawn. Due to the undulations in the landscape, not all of the Cemetery can be seen at once, giving it an intimate feel like a large garden.

The Cemetery is environmentally friendly, with compost bins for all vegetable waste, to be used as mulch on the gardens. Water taps and watering cans for relatives to tend their plots are available, with refuse bins for visitors' waste that are frequently emptied.

You are respectfully, requested to read the following rules, and agree to adhere to them by signing the enclosed form. This should then be returned to the City of Ely Council.
Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the City of Ely Council or speak to a member of staff at Ely Cemetery.

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Section 1 – Bookings

1. Interments and ashes are accepted from anyone regardless of where they lived, if they had a close connection to the Parish. The Council may verify residency with the Electoral Register. Should the deceased name not appear on the register then further evidence will be required, such as dates of residency, connection to the Parish or a utility bill, bank statement etc.
2. For non-parishioners fees are doubled for residents of East Cambridgeshire and tripled for residents outside of the District. In these cases, all fees are either doubled or tripled whichever is applicable. These fees also apply if the Exclusive Right to Burial had been purchased at an earlier date and the resident had left the Parish.
3. The Exclusive Right to Burial must be acquired at the time of interment and cannot in any circumstances be pre-purchased with the exception of Section Con E when an adjacent single depth grave may be purchased at the time of another interment.
4. For an existing grave, ownership must be confirmed as either being the recently deceased, or be a living relative who is named on the Exclusive Right to Burial document. If this is not the case then the ownership must be transferred, prior to the interment taking place and extra time should be allowed for this process to take place.
5. A minimum of a least 3 clear working days notice must be given to the Cemetery before a funeral can take place.
6. Payment must be received by the Council, at least 3 clear working days before the date of the funeral unless agreed otherwise. This must be by bank transfer and the Council's office advised the payment has been made.
7. All interments must take place in a biodegradable coffin/casket. Shroud burials are permitted, however in very wet weather a casket must be used.
8. Burial spaces will be allocated on the next available space within the current burial area/ashes section.
9. Bookings are subject to the availability of staff being able to dig the grave. All Funeral Directors / Stone Masons must hold satisfactory Public Liability insurance and provide the Council with a copy of this prior to entry to the Cemetery.

Section 2 - General

1. The Cemetery is open to pedestrians 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Cars preferably, should be parked on the highway outside of the cemetery in order to avoid damage to turfed areas. Vehicles that do enter the cemetery should proceed in a clockwise direction around the Chapel. Vehicles can gain access on weekdays only, from 8.15 am, but must be removed by 4.00 pm (3.30 pm on Fridays) as the gates will be locked at 4.15 pm (3.45 pm on Fridays).
2. When visiting graves please approach from the foot of the grave. Please ensure graves are gardened as per the rules relevant for the area they are situated in
3. Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not allowed in the Cemetery.
4. A flower vase is permitted on a temporary basis, until such a time, as it is possible to erect a permanent memorial, which can incorporate a vase within the memorial if desired. This temporary vase must be of unbreakable material. There will be no charge for this.
5. Con E & the Garden of Peace: If no headstone is present, shrubs/bulbs may be planted in the area that would accommodate a headstone and not extend beyond the edge of the grave. For graves that do have headstones only flowers may be placed in vases accommodated within the memorial. **Please do not garden the remainder of the grave** or place ornaments on the grave. This area within Con E will be turfed and the Garden of Peace will have sedum planted. Whilst the Council would not wish to cause any distress to families, it will remove objects that are not permitted on graves as these can cause a health and safety danger to staff when maintenance such as strimming the grass is carried out.
6. Flowerbeds are permitted within section Con CC. If you do not wish to have a flowerbed, then please notify the Cemetery staff who will turf the plot for you. If a flowerbed is created, then it must be maintained to a reasonable standard. Failure to do will result in the plot being turfed without any notification to you. It cannot then be returned back to a flower bed.
7. Please be aware that on occasions the Council will reserve the right to put spoil from graves being dug on to neighbouring graves.
8. Headstones may not be erected until a minimum period of 12 months has elapsed from the date of the burial. As experience, has shown that headstones erected earlier than 12 months after a burial are prone to movement and slippage. This can cause damage to the stone and is distressing for the family. Applications for permits to erect headstones for burial plots will not be accepted less than 11 months prior to the anniversary of the interment.
9. Permission for a memorial will only be given if the application meets the Council's policy for erecting memorials and that the erected memorial remains in a satisfactory condition at all times. The Council accepts no responsibility for the upkeep and repair of memorials, as this is a responsibility of the owner of the Exclusive Right to Burial or their next of kin.

10. All memorials are to be erected in accordance with the Council's memorial policy and be appropriate to their setting. Brightly coloured memorials are not considered appropriate. Permits to erect memorials must be applied for through the Council and the appropriate fee paid. If you require information before purchasing a memorial please contact the Council.

11. Chains, fences or kerbs may not be placed around the grave. If any existing kerbs should need repairing, they must have a new foundation and be pinned together according to NAMM / BRAMM guidelines.

12. An area of the Cemetery is reserved for children's graves.

13. Families are welcome to contribute to the provision by the City Council of flowerbeds, rose gardens, trees and benches. Please contact the Council for further information.

14. The scattering of Ashes is not permitted under any circumstances.

Cremation Section and Garden of Remembrance

To preserve uniformity and to permit the turf to be kept neat, approved memorial tablets measuring only 2ft high and 1 foot wide are permitted in the Cremation Section. A flower vase contained within a headstone may be placed in this area.

In the Garden of Remembrance section only, 'desk top' headstones will be permitted and must be on a base of 600mm x 600mm, but be no more than 6 inches in height. These may contain a flower vase incorporated within the stone.

Please note that in the Garden of Remembrance, the first interment will be beneath the memorial and the second casket will be buried in the grassed area in the front.

I / We have read the Rules of
Ely Cemetery and agree to adhere to them.

Names in full _____

Address _____

Signatures _____

Date _____

This form must accompany the interment form submitted to the City
of Ely Council.