

Kenton Parish Council

Guidelines for the erection of memorials Kenton Cemetery, Mamhead Road, Kenton

Whilst there is no requirement to erect a headstone or memorial on graves or cremation plots, many people chose to commemorate the life of their loved one in this way. These guidelines are issued to help you choose a memorial which will be right for you and will meet the Kenton Cemetery requirements.

Memorials can only be placed on purchased graves or cremation plots.

As the safety and maintenance of memorials and any repairs that become necessary is the responsibility of the grave owner and not of the Parish Council, you are advised to consider taking out a maintenance agreement or insurance cover against any future repairs that become necessary. Many monumental masons can arrange this for you.

Only monumental masons with adequate public liability insurance are permitted to erect memorials in the cemetery. You should verify their insurance before contracting with any monumental mason. Both the National Association of Monumental Masons and the British Register of Accredited Monumental Masons can recommend suitable monumental masons.

All designs and inscription must be submitted to Kenton Parish Council for approval prior to being erected. The monumental mason will do this on your behalf, and pay the necessary fee. Whilst the Parish Council endeavours to allow a certain freedom of expression and has no wish unnecessarily to place restrictions on your choices, we do need to take into account the needs of all those who visit the cemetery.

All remaining available areas of the cemetery are laid out in a lawn style and for this reason, kerbed grave edgings are not permitted.

For health and safety reasons there is a height restriction on all memorials. The maximum dimensions permitted are as follows:

- for grave plots the maximum height, including any plinth, is 36 inches and the maximum width is 24 inches;
- for cremation plots, tablets should be no more than 24 inches square (the size of the plot). Cremation plots may also be marked with upright (headstone style) memorials as follows:
 - if the plot is against one of the cemetery boundaries, the maximum dimensions are 18 inches high by 24 inches wide.
 - if the plot is not against one of the cemetery boundaries, the maximum dimensions are 12 inches high by 24 inches wide.

In case of any doubt, please contact the Parish Clerk for further guidance.
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