

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL**REGULATIONS, FEES AND CHARGES FOR BURIALS, MEMORIALS, ETC.****2018-2019** (1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019)Notes

Double fees for interments and Exclusive Right of Burial for **Lawn Burials** and **treble fees** for **Woodland Burials** will be charged where the person to be interred does not qualify for residents' fees under the residency rule as described below.

The residency rule will apply where the person to be interred was a proven resident of the Bridgnorth Parish for a continuous period of at least five years at any time during their lifetime or where the parent of a child not exceeding five years of age at death is such a resident.

The fees indicated in Part 1 below will apply only where the interment takes place between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 2pm Friday, or on the certificate of a Coroner or registered medical practitioner that immediate interment is necessary. Interment on Saturdays (ashes only), on Fridays after 2.00pm or outside other times specified above, may be arranged by negotiation but may incur increased fees. Saturday interments/scattering will incur an additional fee of £115. Out of Hours fees will also be charged outside of normal working hours. (*Out of hours fees will incur VAT*).

The following fee schedule applies as follows:

1. Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial = Part 2
2. Interment in a pre-purchased plot = Part 1
3. Interment in a non pre-purchased plot = Parts 1 and 2

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES (from 1 April 2018)**Part 1: Interments**

	Resident Lawned & Woodland £	Non- Resident Lawned £	Non- Resident Woodland £
1. For the interment in a grave of:			
(i) the body of a still born child	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
(ii) the body of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one year	184.00	368.00	552.00
(iii) the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one year but did not exceed twelve years	286.00	572.00	858.00
(iv) the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years	524.00	1048.00	1572.00
2. For the interment of cremated remains in a grave	149.00	298.00	447.00

The Cemetery Chapel is available for funeral services at a charge of **£116.00**

Part 2: Exclusive Rights of Burial**Lawn & Woodland Burials**

	Residents' Fees £	Non-Residents' Fees £
For the exclusive right of a single or double depth burial plot for Seventy five years in a lawn area earthen grave 9 ft x 4 ft (2743mm x 1219mm)	865.00	1730.00
For the exclusive right of a single or double depth burial plot for seventy five years in a woodland plot	1295.00	3884.00
For the exclusive right of burial of two urns of cremated remains in a lawn area earthen grave 4 ft 6 ins x 2 ft (1372mm x 610mm)	476.00	952.00
For the exclusive right of burial of two urns of cremated remains in a woodland cremation plot	693.00	2079.00
For the exclusive right of burial of four urns of cremated remains in a family cremation plot	one-and-a-half times the above	

(The Exclusive Right of Burial is purchased at the time of the interment and the fees will be dependent upon whether the deceased qualified for resident's fees or not. Where the Exclusive Right of Burial was pre-purchased at the lower residents' fees (not currently permitted) it will not be possible to transfer the ownership to a non-resident for a period of at least five years except under exceptional circumstances e.g. the death of the owner. Proof of ownership of Exclusive Right of Burial is required before any interments can take place or memorial requests considered.)

Part 3: Monuments, Gravestones and Tablets**3(a) Sections Consecrated, Unconsecrated, Newly Consecrated, A, B, E and Oak Grove below the woodchip path**

For the right to erect or place on a grave or vault in respect of which the exclusive right of burial has been granted (subject to approval regarding colour and material etc):

	£
(i) headstone or wooden cross not exceeding 3 ft in height and 2 ft in width (914mm x 610mm)	139.00
(ii) kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 7 ft x 6 ft 6 ins (2134mm x 1981mm) without rails, chains and palisades (Kerbstones and border stones are not permitted on Lawn and Woodland plots.)	277.00
(iii) replacement memorial	No charge

(Up to three flower vases may be placed on each grave without payment provided that they are of an appropriate size, design and material on condition that the flower vases do not extend out from the headstone by more than 8 inches (203mm) or extend past either side of the headstone. It is important to note that glass is not an appropriate material and the Town Clerk has discretion to remove any vases which are unsuitable for this or any other reason.)

For an additional inscription on a tablet	89.00
For the right to erect or place on a grave, in respect of which the exclusive right of burial of cremated remains has been granted, a headstone or flat tablet not exceeding 2 ft height and 1 ft 6 ins width (610mm x 457mm). Tablets on rests should not exceed 1 ft 6 ins x 1ft 6 ins (457mm x 457mm) overall.	105.00
For a memorial vase, maximum 8 ins x 8 ins x 8 ins (203mm x 203mm x 203mm)	29.00

Temporary markers are only permitted to mark a grave or cremation plot for six months. Freestanding flower vases of a suitable material will also be permitted during this period on condition that they do not extend out from the temporary marker by more than 12 ins (305mm)

3(b) Sections Chestnut Grove, Oak Circle and Oak Grove above the woodchip path

- Monolithic memorials, desk tablets and flat tablets are permitted on grave plots and cremation plots
- Materials to be either Welsh blue slate, Westmorland green slate, Yorkstone or honed black or grey granite.
- Inscriptions may be infilled with black, gold, silver or white.
- Integral vases only to be permitted either in a flat shelf placed to the front of the monolithic memorial, being no wider than the memorial itself and no deeper front to back than 8 ins (203mm), or as part of the flat tablet.

	£
(i) Sizes: Monolithic memorials maximum height of 24 ins (610mm) above ground level x maximum width of 18 ins (457mm) with 15 ins (381mm) below ground.	105.00
Flat tablets maximum 24 ins x 24 ins (610mm x 610mm)	105.00
Desk tablets maximum 24 ins x 24 ins (610mm x 610mm) with a maximum height of 2 ins (51mm) at front and 4 ins (102mm) at back.	105.00
Memorial vases maximum 8 ins x 8 ins x 8 ins (203mm x 203mm x 203mm) will be permitted instead of, but not as well as, a monolithic memorial, flat tablet or desk tablet)	29.00
(foundation / base, where used (under tablets) should not extend more than 1 inch (25.4mm) beyond tablet)	
(ii) Replacement memorial	No charge
(iii) For an additional inscription on a tablet / memorial	89.00

Temporary markers are only permitted to mark a grave or cremation plot for six months. Freestanding vases of a suitable material will also be temporarily permitted in this area during this period on condition that they do not extend out from the temporary marker by more than 12 ins (305mm).

*All freestanding flower vases and memorabilia however **must be removed** either following the installation of a permanent memorial **or** six months after the interment has taken place, whichever is sooner.*

Part 4: Memorial Garden

	Residents' Fees £	Non-Residents' Fees £
(i) Scattering of Ashes in the Memorial Garden	46.00	92.00
(ii) Plaque on Memorial Wall	Price on Application	
(iii) Written entry in Memorial Book	Free of Charge	

Part 5: Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial

	£
(i) To transfer the ownership of Exclusive Right of Burial to a grave or cremation plot	37.00

If the Exclusive Right of Burial was pre-purchased at the lower residents' fees, it will not then be possible to transfer the ownership to a non-resident for a period of at least five years except under exceptional circumstances e.g. the death of the owner

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP of Exclusive Right of Burial is required before any interment can take place or memorial requests can be considered.

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