

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL FOR PLOTS IN BRIDGNORTH CEMETERY

- The Exclusive Right of Burial (EROB) to a grave or cremation plot in Bridgnorth Cemetery is purchased at the time of an interment but can be transferred at any time either while the owner is still alive (with their consent) or following the death of the owner.
- By purchasing the Exclusive Right of Burial, the purchaser does not own the land or plot itself, but they do have the right to say who is buried in that plot or to be buried in that plot themselves (subject to there being adequate room).
- The owner of the Right also has the right to apply to have a memorial placed on that plot, or if applicable has the right to apply to have an inscription added to that memorial.
- The fee for this Right will be based upon whether the deceased qualifies for residency fees or not.
- A Deed of Grant will be issued naming the purchaser(s). This Deed will last for 75 years from the date it is sealed (usually the date of the meeting of the Town Council at which it was authorised for sealing).
- In line with our recently adopted policy, only the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial has the aforementioned rights. Following the demise of the owner, no one else has the right to be buried in that plot or to apply to have a memorial placed upon that plot or to have an additional inscription added to that memorial without the ownership being transferred (Transfer of Rights).
- You may wish to consider multiple ownership e.g. husband/wife; husband/wife and a son/daughter; two or three siblings etc. As long as there is one surviving owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial when the plot is full (two coffins or two cremation caskets/urns as applicable) there will still be a living owner who has the right to place a memorial on the plot or to add an inscription to that memorial.
- If there are multiple owners however they will *all* have an equal right to be buried in that plot, *should they so wish*, until such time as it is full.
- However, should there be multiple ownership of Exclusive Right of Burial, any application for an interment or a memorial/additional inscription would need to be made by all those named on the Deed.
- Should an interment be due to take place but the owner of Exclusive Right of Burial is deceased and the person being interred was not that owner, it will be necessary to arrange for the Transfer of Rights to take place by means of a legal process such as applying for probate or letters of administration before any application relating to the grave plot or memorial can be considered. This lengthy legal process would considerably delay opening a grave plot for an interment or placing a memorial on a plot but could be avoided if there is still a living owner.
- It is possible to add an owner or to transfer ownership whilst the owners or sole surviving owner is still alive (with their consent) by means of completing a simple form. If under our previous regulations, the EROB was purchased in advance of an interment by someone who qualifies for the lower residents' fees, it cannot then be transferred to a non-resident until a period of five years has elapsed.
- There will be an administration charge of £37.00 (subject to an increase from 1 April annually) to transfer the Exclusive Right of Burial.

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