

Farthingstone Parish Council

CEMETERY RULES

1. Farthingstone Parish Council is the burial authority for Farthingstone Parish. These rules have been produced to set out in simple terms the Council's policy with regard to the operation and maintenance of the Cemetery.
2. The Cemetery is an open space available for all to visit. It is a place for remembrance, peace and quiet reflection and the Council endeavours to ensure that it maintains the Cemetery for that purpose.
3. Burial in Farthingstone Cemetery is restricted to persons who have lived within the present parish boundary of Farthingstone; partners of the deceased may also be interred in the Cemetery. Other requests may be granted at the discretion of the Parish Council.
4. Grave plots can only be reserved for those mentioned above, plots cannot be reserved for unborn children or un-nominated persons.
5. Reserved plots will be marked by a paver (12" x 12") provided by the Parish Council and funded from the reservation fee. The paver will state the Plot Number and "Reserved".
6. Farthingstone Cemetery is a lawn type cemetery to allow ease of maintenance and will be mown regularly by the Parish Council.
7. Flat stones, kerbstones, fencing or any other forms of enclosure or border, trenching, gravelling or other forms of boundary marking are only permitted with the prior approval of the Parish Council.
8. Potted or planted trees or shrubs are not allowed on or near the grave. Windmills, chimes or other similar ornaments are not allowed on graves.
9. Natural flowers - all wreaths and flowers, when past their best will be removed. Our preference is for natural flowers only.
10. The above rules are made so that a tranquil and dignified atmosphere can be maintained, and we ask for your cooperation.
11. The selection of plots for graves shall be determined at the discretion of the Parish Clerk.
12. The dimensions of any headstone on a grave shall not exceed 3 feet (91cm) in height above ground level and 2 feet 3 inches (69cm) in width and 3 inches (7.5cm) in thickness.

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13. The dimensions of a plaque over cremated remains shall not exceed 12 Inches (30cm) square and be of a suitable stone and shall be laid flush with the ground. A memorial or flower holder may be placed but must not exceed 12 inches (30cm) in height.
14. The Parish Council reserves the right to tidy up neglected or untended graves.
15. The Council shall be indemnified by persons carrying out any work in the cemetery against any claims arising from all works. The Council accepts no liability for claims arising from work carried out by third parties.
16. The Council accepts no responsibility for damage or loss howsoever caused.
17. On at least an annual basis, Councillors will make safety checks on memorial headstones. If any are found to be unsafe, the family of the deceased will be contacted to promptly arrange the securing of the headstones in the interest of public safety. In cases where a family cannot be contacted, or there is a delay in action, and the memorial is considered to be very unsafe and a danger, the Council reserves the right to lay the memorial down with great respect and sensitivity.
18. All fees and charges are payable to Farthingstone Parish Council who reserve the right to make alterations from time to time. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Farthingstone Parish Council'.
19. The current fees and charges are effective as from November 2015 (reviewed annually) and are as follows:

Current Table of Fees (March 2026 onwards)

Interments:

For any interment in an earthen grave:

- Of the body or cremated remains of a still born child or a child whose age did not exceed one month **NIL**
- Of the body or cremated remains of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 16 years **NIL**
- Of the body or cremated remains of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 16 years **£200.00**

Purchase of exclusive right of burial in an earthen grave (Purchase of the right to reserve a grave plot)

- For the exclusive right of burial, or burial of cremated remains, in perpetuity in an earthen grave **£100.00**

Re-opening of grave for a second interment

- Re-opening of a grave for a second interment of a body or cremated **NIL**

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remains

Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets, Vases and Inscriptions:

- For consent to erect a headstone on a grave (according to point 12 above) **£100.00**
- For consent to place a plaque (according to point 13 above) **£50.00**
- For consent to erect a temporary wooden cross (to be offset against the cost of consent to erect a headstone or place a plaque when this is done) **£20.00**

All the above fees will be doubled for non-residents or people who have not lived in the Parish for the previous 10 years; except for residents who have been taken into Care Homes, or at the discretion of the Parish Council.

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