

Appendix 3

Rules and Regulations comparison for Gloucester cemeteries and local Cemeteries

Below is a summary table outlining the rules and regulations of Gloucester Cemeteries and the cemeteries within the local area, the table gives information of the rules and regulations that are in place within a lawn cemetery to allow operation and maintenance to take place as efficiently as possible

Summary Table	TC	FOD	CBC	WC	GCC
Surface will be turfed/seeded	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stone mason approved kerbs sets only	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Size of section to allow for vases and ornaments	1.5ft x 1.5ft		1ft x 1.5ft	0	3ft x 2ft
Do you allow families to place their own Stone borders	N	N	N	N	N

Rules and regulations extract

Below is an extract from each of the cemeteries that are named above and supports the information in the table, you can find the full rules and regulations for all the above in appendices to the report

Gloucester Cemeteries (appendix 1)

Plants /flowers /shrubs/bulbs may be planted in a border 3 foot in width and 2 feet in depth which may be provided on the graveside of and adjoining the place in which any such headstone would normally be erected.

TREES ARE NOT ALLOWED. Gardens which are not maintained will be removed by the Cemetery Staff and replaced with turf. Ornaments of any description including solar lights must be placed within the planting boundary 3ft x 2ft and are left entirely at the grave owners risk

Any planting exceeding 3ft x 2ft will be removed.

Kerb sets/Cover slabs and chippings are permitted. No chippings shall be placed on the grave without being enclosed within a kerb set. These must be installed by one of the City Councils Registered Monumental Masons and must be of natural quarried material. No homemade kerb sets, plastic/wooden fencing or metal memorials will be allowed. Any placed on the graves will be removed.

Tewkesbury Cemetery (appendix 7)

The following conditions apply to a Lawn style cemetery:-

1. THE SURFACE OF THE GRAVE WILL BE TURFED OVER and mown by the cemetery staff, after the grave has been allowed to settle. You may put flowers or plants on the grave so long as they are contained within 450mm (1.5ft) of the memorial stone. The cemetery staff reserve the right to clear and turf over areas that become untidy.

2. MEMORIALS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED IN THE AREA DESIGNATED AT THE TOP OF THE GRAVE. No memorials, planting, ornaments or kerbing will be permitted on the grassed surface and the cemetery staff will remove any items not within the area permitted in front of the headstone (see above).

Forest of Dean Cemetery (appendix 6)

The cemetery at Mile End and sections C, E and M at Yew Tree Brake are laid as a lawn and the graves should be left as flat grass. Grave mounds, grave edging, footstones, kerbs or flat stones are not allowed in these sections. Similarly the planting of trees, shrubs plants and bushes is prohibited although relatives may apply to plant these memorial items elsewhere in the cemetery. The Cemetery Manager without notice will remove any items, materials or plants contravening these regulations.

Cheltenham Borough Council (appendix 5)

Memorials must be of natural quarried stone, granite or marble. Please note, glass, metal, pottery, earthenware, artificial or reconstructed stone memorials of any kind is not allowed and a wooden headstone can be no more than 24"/61cm in height due to the greater risk of the material perishing over time and becoming unsafe. No Memorials can be erected without the Right to Erect a Memorial permit including refixing a headstone or installing a new mini kerb set. Permits are available through the Cheltenham Cemetery Office and application must be made by a NAMM/BRAMM approved Memorial Mason. All Memorials exceeding 18inches/46cm tall must be installed with a National Association of Memorial Masons approved ground anchor, without exception, by a professional Memorial Mason. This is essential for us as a Local Burial Authority as we have a legal obligation to ensure regulatory compliance and manage instances of unstable and dangerous memorials

Westerleigh Cemetery (appendix 4)

The placing of stone paving slabs, timber, etc around and leading to a grave space is strictly prohibited and shall be removed without prior notice on the grounds of health and safety and to satisfy the insurance underwriter of the Company.

Any plants, vases or any other item placed outside the grave space shall be removed without prior notice.

The planting and maintenance of the grave is the responsibility of the grave owner and the Company does not undertake any work other than moulding, turfing or seeding unless a separate agreement has been made with the Company and the appropriate fee paid.