

Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council

New Burial Ground Administration.

- 1. Eligibility.** Residents within Charlton-on-Otmoor, Fencott and Murcott parishes have the right of interment in the new burial ground, which is administered by Charlton-on-Otmoor Parish Council and located in New Pond Lane, Charlton On Otmoor. Permission for interment of non-parishioners may be given by the Parish Council in special circumstances i.e. if they have a connection to the villages.

Any requests for burials must be placed through a Funeral Director. No burial will be allowed to take place without the correct paperwork and payment of fees.

- 2. Fees.** Burials are subject to the payment of fees determined by the Parish Council, which cover the cost of land and future maintenance. The fees are currently:

Interment in earthen grave	£170.00
Headstone	£90.00
Interment of ashes	£90.00
Tablet	£50.00

The above fees are normally doubled for those residents outside the parishes of Charlton-on-Otmoor, Fencott and Murcott at the time of death.

The above fees are normally reduced by one half in respect of the burial of a person under the age of 18 at the time of death.

- 3. Depth.** The excavation of graves shall be carried out by a grave digger approved by the Parish Council. The maximum depth to the top of the coffin shall be 1 metre (3ft 3ins) below ground level to comply with a ruling by the Environment Agency. Only a single burial is permitted. Graves only to be filled above ground level to a maximum of four inches at time of burial (to allow for settlement).

- 4. Memorials for earthen graves.** Headstones with inscriptions may be erected by a memorial mason subject to the Parish Council's approval.

The overall base should be a maximum of 90cms x 45cms (3ft x 1ft 6ins) with a height no more than 75cms (2ft 6ins) from ground level.

Headstones should be of natural, light or medium coloured stone with non-reflecting finish, or of hardwood. Individual designed memorials are to be encouraged.

Kerbs, railings, chains, glass vases, mounds and other obstructions to mowing are not permitted.

Memorials are to be fixed only by BRAMM registered masons.

- 5. Memorials for interment of ashes.** The erection of a tablet is permitted in the area set aside for cremated remains. Maximum size 30cms x 30cms (1ft x 1ft). Memorials are to be fixed only by BRAMM registered masons.

- 6. Adornments.** Wreaths or cut flowers may be placed in a removable container on the plinth, but should be removed when they are withered. Artificial flowers are not encouraged.

- 7. Reservations.** Graves are allocated as burials occur. It is however possible to reserve the next adjacent plot for a spouse/partner on the graveyard plan (at the same time as a request for a burial) through the Funeral Director. A reservation fee of £50.00 for a burial, £30.00 cremated remains, is currently payable to the Parish Council (in addition to the burial costs set out above).

8 Enquiries.

All enquiries relating to the new burial ground should be addressed to: clerk@coopc.co.uk

17th October 2024.