

RE: Advice on number of burials in one grave

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Hi Teresa

Many thanks for the email and coming to us for some advice.

Most cemeteries are for 2 burials, but they can go to 3 if the water table allow this.

Gilroes have Burial plots for up to 7 burials back in the day, but because of Health & Safety they have moved this to 3 burials.

For a 3 burial plot here in the new Syston Cemetery they do charge the families a bit extra £160.00 for a parishioner, which also includes the extra for the gravediggers fee, which would be around the £60 fee.

With regards to ashes in a burial plot, once it is full with burials you can if you wish put 6 ash interments to go the length of the burial plot, or what you feel is appropriate as a Parish Council. Some Parish Councils allow 3, 4 or 5 ash interments in a burial plot. If ashes need to go in before it is full for burials, this is not a problem as they can go in near to the headstone and be moved beneath the surface to the side to allow the burial to go ahead, otherwise you will have to apply for an exhumation order for the ashes to come out and be returned to the grave once the burial has taken place. We normally leave this to the gravedigger at the time of need, they would move them out of the way and then place the ashes at the same level as the burial.

This does help the cemetery in the future doing this.

1 It keeps a family Burial plot or plots close to each other.

2 Allows the families to have their ashes put in a grave

3 Keeping the cemetery going for longer and not having to look for more land in the future.

4 Increasing profit for the Parish to help in the future.

5 Increase the amount of burials and ash interments in a burial plot in the cemetery.

6 Stop taking up another space for a burial or ash interment when purchasing a Burial or Ash plot.

Remember this all depends on the time of year with the weather and how much rain we have, will reflect on how deep you are able to go.

Speaking to the Gravedigger, Alan Barnacle will also help and advise you if this is all possible.

So if graves do have to stay at just 2 Burials, this still does allow you to have ashes interred in these graves.

I hope this helps, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further help.

I am more than happy to attend a meeting to help discuss this issues.

Best wishes

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Good Morning

I am hoping you will be able to give me some advice.

Queniborough Cemetery Committee are considering going forward the possibility of increasing the number of full burials in one grave. I understand that our Cemetery Clerk has already spoken to you about a request we have received for this to happen. Is Queniborough the only cemetery that has a maximum of 2 burials in one grave?

I have been looking at the rules and regulations for other local cemeteries but cannot find a definitive answer. Loughborough cemetery say 2 burials and up to six ash caskets. Gilrose cemetery say a minimum of 2 burials. Do you have rules and regulations concerning this that you could share with me? Any advice gratefully received.

Kind regards

Teresa

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