

CHARGES AND RULES – 2024/2025
48 hours advance notice must be given for all burials

The Standard charge is payable UNLESS the deceased was before (that is within 12 months of) death a resident living in Hexham Parish.

PART 1: Burials (Monday to Friday only)

		Standard charge	Parish resident
1	Body of a stillborn child or baby under six months old	No charge	No charge
2	Body or cremated remains of a child	880	470
3	Body of a person whose age at death was over 12 years old	3900	900
4	Burial in a reopened grave - see Rule 8	1740	840
5	Burial of an urn or casket of cremated remains	940	470
6	Cremated remains below turf level (surface scattering is NOT permitted)	500	250
7	Additional charge for double depth grave	500	250

PART 2: Rights

		Standard charge	Parish resident
1	Right of burial for 99 years	480	240
2	Right to construct and to burial in a walled grave (a vault)	Fee by prior arrangement	Fee by prior arrangement
3	Right to erect a memorial for 30 years	1050	700
4	Renewal of right to erect a memorial for a further 30 years	No charge	No charge

PART 3: Woodland section. The charge includes the casket and flat stone marker.
(Note: Woodland burial plots have only one burial in each plot)

		Standard charge	Parish resident
1	Burial	5560	1450
2	Burial of casket of cremated remains in area set aside for ashes NB Surface scattering is NOT permitted	2090	715
3	Burial of cremated remains in casket or under turf in pre-purchased plot. N.B. An <u>additional</u> plaque or surface scattering of cremated remains are NOT permitted	880 (casket) 420 (under turf)	460 (casket) 280 (under turf)

PART 4: Other charges

		Standard charge	Parish resident
1	Use of the Chapel	380	280
2	Certified copy of entry of burial	60	40
3	Transfer of Right of Burial	200	120
4	Supply of memorial fixing saddle, each	215	215
5	Any item not previously described	Fee by prior arrangement	Fee by prior arrangement

PART 5: Pet Cemetery charges

Fee includes exclusive right of burial for fifteen years renewable on payment of an additional fee

1	Burial of a pet dog, cat or other small pet or their ashes (includes a numbered flat stone marker)	250
2	Renewal of right of burial for additional 15 year period	130

PART 6: Cemetery Rules

- (1) **In all** matters relating to the Cemetery the Council's decision is final. The Council acts under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 (as amended).
- (2) **These Rules** must be read in conjunction with the Rules relating to the erection and maintenance of Memorials.
- (3) **Charges.** Any alteration in the charges overleaf will take effect on 1 April. Save in an emergency no changes will be made in charges before the 1 April following. Council employees are not empowered to grant any reduction in the charges for any reason whatsoever.
- (4) **The Council** may prune or remove any plants, pots, ornaments, shrubs, grass or trees anywhere within the Cemetery without notice or compensation, if the Council at its own absolute discretion considers it necessary for the good order and running of the Cemetery. Objects of decoration are not allowed on grave plots however objects can be placed on the apron of any memorial.
- (5) **After funerals** all flowers and wreaths **laid** on a grave will be removed and disposed of but not earlier than 14 days after the funeral takes place.
- (6) **After Christmas** all flowers and wreaths **laid** on a grave will be removed and disposed of by 31st January.
- (7) **Grave Spaces.** No marking, delineating or decoration of a Grave space is allowed. Any ornamentation on a grave will be removed. Grave spaces must be kept in a tidy condition. Please contact the Cemetery Supervisory Staff if further clarification is needed.
- (8) **Reopened grave.** If a grave is reopened to bury the widow, widower or partner of the deceased then a reduced charge is payable. Charge is under Part 1(4).
- (9) **Ashes cannot be scattered:** they must be buried (see charges list).
- (10) **Memorial headstones** are not permitted unless the fee in Part 2(3) has been paid.
- (11) **Grave curbs are** not permitted anywhere in the Cemetery, however existing curbs may be repaired or renewed.
- (12) **In the Woodland Burial area:**
An alternate flat stone marker to that provided by the Council may be used provided it is in stone size 23cm by 23cm by 6cm (depth). Any wording must include the plot number.
Flower bulbs can be planted but only with prior permission from the Cemetery Supervisory Staff.
Any trees planted, the site of, the type of and the retention of, are at the sole discretion of the Council.
Woodland burial plots cannot be purchased in advance except for an adjoining plot if purchased by the partner of the deceased at the time of their burial. A deposit of £500 for a Parish resident (£1000 standard charge) is required, with the balance of the current fee to be paid when the burial takes place. No refund is made if the plot is subsequently not used.
For a plot purchased before 31 March 2004 the refund of a prepaid fee is permitted but only if the Reservation Certificate issued at the date of purchase is returned with the request for a refund. An administration charge of £100.00 will be deducted from the original fee paid when the refund is made. No refund will be made without production of the Reservation Certificate.
- (13) **Vehicles and Dogs (which must be held on a lead) are not allowed in the Cemetery** without permission of the Cemetery Staff.
- (14) **The Cemetery is normally open** between 8.00am and 6.00pm (or dusk if earlier).
- (15) **The Operations Manager, Steven English, is normally available for enquiries** Monday to Friday (Bank Holidays excepted) between 9.00am and 3.00pm by telephoning 07891 101236.

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