



Buckingham Town Council Tingewick Road Cemetery Handbook

A guide for families, visitors, funeral directors and memorial masons

Published by Buckingham Town Council. This handbook explains how Tingewick Road Cemetery is managed, how to purchase and use burial plots, what to expect when arranging a burial, and how graves and memorials should be cared for.

Important note: This handbook is intended as a practical guide. It should be read alongside the Council's forms and fees, which may be updated from time to time.



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Tingewick Road Cemetery Visitor Map

A peaceful place to remember



Car Parking



Disabled Parking



EV Charging



Disabled Parking
with EV Charging



Water Tap



Work Area

Welcome

Buckingham Town Council welcomes you to Tingewick Road Cemetery. The cemetery has been designed to provide a peaceful, respectful and inclusive place for burial, remembrance and quiet reflection for the people of Buckingham and the surrounding community.

Purpose of the Handbook

This handbook has been prepared to help families, funeral directors, faith representatives, memorial masons and visitors understand the services available at the cemetery and the rules that help keep it safe, dignified and well maintained.

Contact Details

For cemetery enquiries, plot purchases, burial bookings, memorial applications and general advice, please contact Buckingham Town Council at:

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Telephone: 01280 816801. Fax: 01280 816426.

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Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Detailed plans and registers are available at the Town Council offices.

1. About Tingewick Road Cemetery

Introduction

Tingewick Road Cemetery, which opened in September 2026, is intended to serve the residents of Buckingham for over 100 years. Managed and maintained by Buckingham Town Council, the cemetery provides a respectful and peaceful environment for the deceased and their families. The Council's aim is to ensure the cemetery remains a well-kept, environmentally sustainable and fitting place for remembrance. The cemetery is located on Tingewick Road, Buckingham, off the A422 bypass, and is divided into sections for lawn plots, traditional burials, children's plots, a Muslim burial area and enclosed family plots.

Multi-faith Cemetery

The cemetery is intended to serve people of different faiths, beliefs and traditions. The Council will seek to support reasonable religious and cultural requirements where these can be accommodated safely, lawfully and within the cemetery regulations.

Opening Hours

The cemetery is open daily from dawn to dusk. Access is via the main gates from the A422 roundabout. The Council reserves the right to close the cemetery or limit entry at any time for safety, maintenance, operational or other appropriate reasons.

Accessibility, Parking and Facilities

The cemetery has its own car park with 30 parking bays, including two disabled parking bays and two self-pay electric vehicle charging points. Vehicle access outside the car park is not permitted except for funeral services and only with prior permission or arrangement through the Town Council. The cemetery car park and cycle racks remain open at all times, and pedestrian and cycle access is unrestricted. The cemetery has smooth accessible footpaths, seating areas, clear signage and designated spaces for future expansion. There are no toilet facilities or indoor spaces for services on site.

Waste, Recycling and Water

Litter and green waste bins are provided throughout the cemetery. Visitors are encouraged to dispose of all rubbish responsibly, including dog waste. Floral tributes and wreaths should be placed in the green waste bins for recycling. Water points and watering cans are located near the main entrance for visitors to water plants. The water is non-potable and should not be used for drinking. Watering cans must be returned empty after use. During freezing weather, water supplies may be temporarily turned off to prevent damage. The use of pesticides and insecticides is strictly prohibited.

Dogs and Visitor Conduct

Pets are allowed at the cemetery but must be kept on a leash and under control at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets, and dog waste may be placed in the cemetery litter bins. Visitors must behave respectfully during their time in the cemetery. Disorderly or indecent conduct, intoxication, playing games, offensive language, damaging property, riding bicycles, scooters or unauthorised motor vehicles, and allowing dogs to foul without promptly removing the waste are prohibited.

2. Purchasing a Burial Plot

What is the Exclusive Right of Burial?

Purchasing a burial plot does not mean that the purchaser owns the land. The land remains the property of Buckingham Town Council. What is purchased is the Exclusive Right of Burial, which gives the deed holder the legal right to authorise burials within the grave, authorise memorials, apply for additional inscriptions and transfer ownership if required. The Exclusive Right of Burial is granted for 99 years. During that period, only the person who owns the right, or someone they give permission to, can be buried in that grave. Once the right expires, the cemetery may contact the family to renew it. If it is not renewed, the right to use the grave may pass back to the Town Council.

Purchasing a Burial Plot

Families may purchase burial rights in accordance with the Council's current eligibility criteria, availability and fees. Applications should be made using the Council's approved form and will not be confirmed until all required information and payment have been received.

Resident and Non-resident Eligibility

For the purposes of this handbook, a "Resident of Buckingham" is defined as a person living in the civil parish of Buckingham at the time of death, or a person who has lived in the civil parish of Buckingham within the last five years. There may be other exceptional circumstances in which a person may be deemed a resident of Buckingham, and each such application will be considered on its merits by the Town Council. Fees are based on the residency of the deceased person to be interred into the grave, rather than the owner, as validated by the Council's criteria.

Choosing, Reserving and Purchasing in Advance

Plots are available for pre-purchase in sections of Tingewick Road Cemetery that are currently in use, including lawn plots, enclosed family plots, children's plots and traditional burial plots. The selection of grave spaces is determined by the Council, which will, where possible, take the purchaser's wishes into consideration. Please contact the Estates Manager to discuss availability, advance purchase and adjacent plot requests.

Town Council Grave Allocation Procedure

Grave spaces are allocated by Buckingham Town Council in accordance with the cemetery plan, the sections currently open for use, operational requirements and the long-term management of the cemetery. The Council will consider the wishes of families wherever possible, including requests for a particular section, plot type or proximity to an existing family grave. However, the Council cannot guarantee a specific plot unless the Exclusive Right of Burial has already been purchased and recorded.

Plots will normally be allocated in the next available suitable grave space within the relevant section, taking account of the type of burial required, grave depth, accessibility, ground conditions, drainage, safety, maintenance needs and any religious or cultural requirements that have been agreed with the Council. Allocation decisions may also take account of future cemetery development and the need to use burial land efficiently and fairly.

Where adjacent plots are requested (known as a side-by-side plot), the Council will advise whether this is possible within the area currently in use. Adjacent plots can only be secured where the Council permits advance purchase or reservation and the relevant Exclusive Rights of Burial have been purchased. Without this, the Council cannot hold nearby spaces.

In exceptional circumstances, the Council may allocate a grave outside the usual sequence where this is necessary for operational, safety, religious, accessibility or

family reasons. Any such decision will be made by the Council or authorised officers and recorded in the cemetery records.

Types of Burial Plot

- Lawn plots
- Traditional plots
- Enclosed family plots
- Children's plots
- Muslim burial section

Purchase, Surrender and Re-purchase of Unused Burial Plots

If the owner of a Deed of Grant decides that they do not wish to use an unused burial plot, the Town Council may, but is not obliged to, re-purchase the burial plot from the owner. The re-purchase of unused burial plots, or surrender of the burial deeds, will be at the original price paid for the plot. Please contact the Council office for further information.

Changing Ownership

Ownership of the Exclusive Right of Burial may need to be transferred if the registered owner has died, if ownership is being assigned during the owner's lifetime, or if a family wishes to regularise the records before a burial or memorial application. The Council may require legal documents such as a deed of assignment, grant of probate, letters of administration, statutory declaration or other evidence before updating the register.

Lost Deeds, Surrender and Renewal

Where a Deed of Grant of Burial has been mislaid, the person giving notice of interment must provide proof of identity. If that person is not the deed owner, a letter of authorisation from the deed owner will also be required. Where the deed owner is the deceased, authority for the interment is presumed under Section 10(6) of the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977. In such cases, next of kin and close relatives are advised to agree who should take the assignment or transfer of the Exclusive Right. A charge is payable for this service.

3. Arranging a Burial

Step-by-step Guide to Arranging a Burial

1. Contact a funeral director or, if arranging the funeral independently, contact Buckingham Town Council as soon as possible.
2. Confirm whether the burial will be in a new grave, an existing grave, a children's plot, the Muslim burial section, an enclosed family plot, a traditional plot, a lawn plot or a cremated remains plot.
3. Check who owns the Exclusive Right of Burial for the grave and whether written permission is required before the burial can take place.
4. Discuss any religious, cultural, accessibility, timing or family requirements with the funeral director and the Council at the earliest opportunity.

5. Complete the Council's Notice of Interment form and submit it with all required documents at least three full working days before the burial, unless a shorter period has been agreed for religious reasons.
6. Pay the applicable fees when the Notice of Interment is submitted.
7. Wait for written confirmation from the Council before confirming final arrangements with mourners, ministers, celebrants or other attendees.
8. On the day of the funeral, follow the directions of the funeral director and any authorised Council staff on site.
9. After the burial, allow time for the grave to settle and follow the cemetery rules on flowers, temporary markers and memorial applications.

Step 1: Contact the Council or Funeral Director

Most families choose to appoint a funeral director, who will usually liaise with the Council on their behalf. Families who wish to arrange a funeral independently should contact the Council directly before making firm arrangements. Early contact is especially important where a burial is requested at short notice, where there are religious or cultural requirements, or where the grave is to be reopened.

Step 2: Confirm the Grave or Plot Type

The Council will need to know whether the burial is to take place in a new grave or an existing grave. If a new grave is required, the Council will advise which plot types are available and will allocate a grave in accordance with the cemetery plan, operational requirements and the Council's grave allocation procedure. Where possible, the Council will take family wishes into account, but specific locations cannot always be guaranteed unless burial rights have already been purchased.

Step 3: Check Ownership and Permission

Where a grave has an existing Exclusive Right of Burial, the registered deed holder must usually give written permission for the burial to take place. If the deed holder is the person who has died, the Council will advise what authority is required and whether the Exclusive Right should be transferred after the burial. If the deed has been lost, proof of identity and, where relevant, authorisation from the deed holder may be required before the interment can proceed.

Step 4: Agree the Date, Time and Requirements

The proposed date and time must be agreed with the Council before the funeral is confirmed. The Council will consider cemetery availability, contractor availability, staffing, grave preparation, access arrangements, weather conditions and any religious or cultural requirements. Weekend and Bank Holiday burials are by special arrangement only and may be subject to additional fees.

Step 5: Submit the Notice of Interment and Documents

The Notice of Interment form must be completed accurately and submitted with all required documents. The Council may need the Registrar's certificate for burial or cremation, coroner's paperwork where applicable, written permission from the registered grave owner, and any other forms required by the Council. The person

submitting the notice is responsible for ensuring that the information is correct. Errors, missing documents or late submission may delay the burial.

Step 6: Pay Fees and Receive Confirmation

All applicable fees must be paid when the Notice of Interment is submitted, unless the Council has agreed otherwise. Fees may vary depending on residency, plot type, burial type, whether a grave is being reopened, whether out-of-hours arrangements are requested, and whether any additional administration is needed. The burial should not be treated as confirmed until the Council has accepted the paperwork, received payment and confirmed the booking.

Step 7: Grave Preparation

Once a booking is confirmed, authorised cemetery staff or contractors will prepare the grave. This may include locating the grave, checking the ground, removing or protecting nearby items where necessary, excavating the grave, installing any required shoring, managing spoil safely and making the area safe for the funeral. Weather, flooding, ground conditions and the presence of nearby memorials may affect how the grave is prepared.

Step 8: The Day of the Funeral

On the day of the funeral, the funeral director will normally lead the cortège and co-ordinate with Council staff or contractors on site. Vehicles must use designated routes and parking areas unless prior permission has been given. Mourners should take care on paths, grassed areas and around open graves, particularly during wet, icy or windy weather. Visitors are asked to respect other funerals, graves and visitors while on site.

Step 9: After the Burial

After the service, the grave will be backfilled and made safe. Some settlement is normal following a burial, and the Council will monitor, level, top-dress and seed the grave in accordance with its maintenance schedule. Families should not attempt to level the grave themselves. Flowers, wreaths and temporary markers may be placed only in accordance with the cemetery rules. A permanent memorial must not be installed until the Council has approved the application and the grave is suitable.

Booking an Interment

All interments must be booked in advance by telephone and confirmed in writing using the Council's Notice of Interment form. The completed form must be received by the Town Council at least three full working days before the burial, unless otherwise agreed for religious reasons. The person submitting the form is responsible for any mistakes or missing information. All fees must be paid when the form is submitted. Incomplete or late forms may delay the burial and may result in additional charges. For burial interments, soil may need to be temporarily placed on neighbouring graves.

Hours of Interment

Day of interment	April to September	October to March
Monday to Friday	10.00am to 3.30pm	10.00am to 2.30pm
Weekends and bank holidays	By special arrangement only	By special arrangement only

Documentation Required

- Registrar's certificate for burial or cremation, often known as the Green Form, where applicable
- Coroner's paperwork, where applicable
- Written permission from the registered owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial, unless the deceased was the registered owner
- Completed Council interment form and any other documents required by the Council

Religious Requirements

Tingewick Road Cemetery is a multi-faith cemetery that welcomes burials for people of all faiths and beliefs. All grave spaces are un-consecrated. Families wishing for a grave to be consecrated or blessed are responsible for making the necessary arrangements with their chosen religious minister or faith representative, and prior agreement must be obtained from the Council. The Council recognises the diverse needs of the community and has provided a dedicated section for Muslim burials, with plots orientated towards Mecca. Weekend and Bank Holiday burials may be considered by special arrangement, subject to staff and contractor availability, operational requirements and additional fees.

Preparing the Grave

Graves will be prepared by authorised cemetery staff or contractors. Excavation, shoring, safe access, weather conditions, flooding, ground stability and nearby memorials will be managed in accordance with health and safety requirements and recognised cemetery practice.

Funeral Cortèges

Funeral cortèges should follow the directions of the funeral director and any Council staff on site. Vehicles must use designated routes and parking areas unless prior arrangements have been agreed.

Following the Burial

After the service, the grave will be backfilled and made safe. Ground settlement is normal following a burial, and the Council will level and maintain the grave in accordance with its maintenance schedule. Flowers and temporary markers may be placed only in line with cemetery rules. Permanent memorials should not be installed until the Council has given permission and the ground is suitable.

Cremated Remains

Loose scattering of ashes is not permitted anywhere in the cemetery. Interment of cremated remains must be arranged with the Council in advance and must comply with the cemetery regulations.

Pets

Pets may not be buried in human graves unless expressly permitted by Council policy and applicable law. Families should contact the Council before making any arrangements involving pet remains or pet tributes.

4. Types of Burial Plots

Traditional Burial Plots (Sections A and B)

Traditional plots offer full burial options with more flexibility in memorial design and plot boundaries. The grave is level with the surrounding ground and laid to grass. Single or double-depth burials may be available subject to cemetery allocation. Kerb sets are permitted in designated areas where they comply with size, material and installation requirements. Planting and decorations are permitted within the boundaries of the kerb set where they do not interfere with grounds maintenance. Owners or their representatives are responsible for the upkeep of kerb sets, planting and decorative elements.

Lawn Plots (Sections C, D and E)

A lawn plot is designed for a neat, level appearance. Graves are flush with the surrounding turf and the ground is maintained as grass by the Town Council. Only memorials placed within the concrete rafter at ground level are allowed. Kerb sets, planting, mounds, raised features, ornaments, statues and decorations beyond the concrete rafter at the head of the plot are prohibited and may be removed without compensation.

Enclosed Family Plots (Section G)

Enclosed family plots are intended for multiple interments within a defined, landscaped area. Options include three double-depth burial plots for up to six full burials, plus space for cremated remains after the last full burial, or two double-depth burial plots for up to four full burials, plus space for cremated remains after the last full burial. These plots are surrounded by yew hedging maintained by the Council cemetery team, with surrounding ground laid to gravel. Shared or individual headstones, small planting and personal items may be permitted subject to Council approval.

Children's Plots (Section F)

The children's section is reserved for the burial of children aged 18 and under and provides a respectful area for remembrance. Children's burial plots are laid out to smaller dimensions than standard adult graves. Families and funeral directors should liaise with the Cemetery Team before burial so that the most appropriate plot can be allocated and any specific family wishes considered where possible. Flowers, small plants and personal tributes such as toys, artwork or soft tributes may be allowed

where they remain within the plot and do not obstruct maintenance or encroach on adjacent plots.

Muslim Burial Section (Section H)

The Muslim burial section has been provided to meet the religious requirements of the Muslim community and is managed with respect for Islamic burial practices. Burial plots within this section are orientated towards the Qibla, the direction of Makkah/Mecca. Families and funeral directors should contact the Cemetery Team as early as possible to discuss burial arrangements, including any religious requirements, weekend or Bank Holiday requests and operational arrangements. Memorials, planting, ornaments, fencing, kerb sets and other decorative items must comply with the Council's regulations unless specifically authorised in writing.

4. Memorials

Memorials are an important part of remembrance, but they must be managed carefully to protect safety, appearance and dignity across the cemetery. No memorial may be installed, altered or added to without the Council's written approval.

Memorial Applications and Approval

Applications for memorials must include a drawing or illustration and be submitted to the Council for approval. No memorial, additional inscription, vase, kerb, tablet or other permanent item may be installed or altered without the Council's written consent. Additional inscriptions or additional memorials on a plot must also be approved by the Council before being made.

Memorial Masons and Installation Standards

Only BRAMM-registered memorial masons may work in the cemetery. Memorial masons must contact the Council before carrying out repairs or installations to ensure there are no conflicts with scheduled funeral services. Memorial masons will need the grave number and deed number before submitting an application. All memorials must include the plot number and the memorial mason's name engraved on the rear base and must follow the NAMM Code of Working Practice where applicable.

Size, Materials and Inscriptions

Headstones must not exceed 75 cm high, 60 cm wide and 10 cm deep. A base for the headstone may accommodate up to two flower holders, but must not exceed 60 cm wide, 21 cm deep and 8 cm high. The Council encourages the use of biodegradable grave markers, such as wooden plaques or locally sourced stone, to minimise environmental impact. Kerb edging is only allowed within the traditional burial area and enclosed family plots and must be approved before installation. The permitted size for a single plot kerb set is 2 m by 76 cm.

Temporary Markers and Memorial Safety

Temporary markers no larger than 30 cm by 30 cm may be placed for up to one year. The Council reserves the right to remove them after this time. Graves will be top-dressed and seeded once they have settled.

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Memorials should not normally be placed within the first six months after for full burials, this excludes ashes interments or unless approved by the Council.

The deed owner is responsible for maintaining the memorial in good condition. The Council reserves the right to charge for repairs if maintenance is not properly carried out and is not responsible for the security of memorials, plants, flowers or other items left on graves.

Memorial Benches

The Council can arrange for the purchase and installation of pre-approved style of memorial bench with inscription, in certain allocated locations subject to availability costs of which are available on request.

5. Looking After a Grave

Families are welcome to care for graves in a way that is respectful, safe and consistent with the character of the cemetery.

Flowers, Plants and Vases

Planting is only allowed in traditional and enclosed family plots and must not interfere with other graves or cemetery maintenance. Maintenance of the grave area is the deed owner's responsibility, except for grass cutting, which is undertaken by the Council's Greenspaces Team. Only non-breakable vases and containers are permitted, and items must be kept off grass areas to facilitate mowing. The Council will remove breakable or inappropriate items. Fresh flowers are welcomed, but visitors are asked to avoid non-biodegradable materials such as plastic or silk flowers, which can deteriorate and be displaced by the wind.

Christmas Wreaths, Toys and Personal Tributes

Wilted floral tributes will be removed and recycled as part of regular maintenance. Seasonal wreaths, small toys and personal tributes may be allowed where they are safe, appropriate, kept within the grave space and do not obstruct maintenance. Ornaments may be removed by the Council if they are offensive, unsafe, excessive or disrupt the peace and dignity of the cemetery.

Cleaning Memorials

Memorials should be cleaned gently using methods suitable for the stone or material. Harsh chemicals, abrasive tools and pressure washing can cause damage and should be avoided unless recommended by a qualified memorial mason.

Council Maintenance

The Council is responsible for general cemetery maintenance, including grounds care, paths and communal areas. Families remain responsible for approved memorials and permitted items placed on individual graves.

6. Cemetery Regulations

The cemetery regulations are designed to protect the dignity, safety and appearance of the cemetery for all users. Visitors must behave respectfully and follow any

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reasonable instruction from authorised Council staff. The Council may remove unauthorised, unsafe or inappropriate items and may restrict access where necessary for safety, maintenance or operational reasons.

- Respect funeral services, mourners and other visitors.
- Keep to designated paths and avoid walking over graves where possible.
- Do not damage, move, deface or interfere with memorials, plants, graves, seating or cemetery property.
- Dispose of litter, dog waste and green waste in the correct bins.
- Do not use pesticides or insecticides in the cemetery.
- Do not ride bicycles, scooters or motor vehicles in the cemetery except where authorised by the Council.
- Keep dogs on a leash and under control at all times.
- Do not use offensive language, behave in a disorderly or indecent manner, play games or enter the cemetery while intoxicated.
- Do not use the cemetery for unauthorised commercial activity, filming, events or gatherings.
- Follow all posted signs and temporary safety notices.

7. Fees

Cemetery fees are reviewed annually, the current fees list is available in Appendix A

All cemetery fees must be paid in full at the time the relevant application is submitted, unless the Council has agreed alternative arrangements in advance. This includes fees for the purchase of Exclusive Rights of Burial, interments, reopening graves, memorial permits, additional inscriptions, deed transfers, duplicate deeds and renewals.

Payments should be made using the payment methods accepted by Buckingham Town Council at the time of application. Applicants should contact the Council office for current payment options, payment references and instructions before making payment.

Funeral directors acting on behalf of a family are responsible for ensuring that payment is made promptly and that any purchase order, remittance advice or payment reference clearly identifies the deceased person, the grave number where known, and the type of service being paid for.

The Council may delay or refuse to confirm a booking, issue a deed, approve a memorial application or carry out an interment until the correct payment has been received. Additional charges may apply for late, incomplete or amended applications, or for out-of-hours arrangements such as weekend or Bank Holiday burials.

8. Bereavement Support

Bereavement affects people in different ways. If you are struggling to cope with your grief or are concerned about your mental health, please speak to your GP. If you or someone else is at immediate risk of harm, call 999 or attend your nearest Accident & Emergency department.

Immediate Emotional Support

Organisation	Telephone	Website	Support
Samaritans	116 123 (free, 24 hours a day)	samaritans.org	24-hour confidential emotional support for anyone in distress or experiencing bereavement.
Cruse Bereavement Support	0808 808 1677	cruse.org.uk	Bereavement counselling, information and support for adults, children and young people.
Child Bereavement UK	0800 02 888 40	childbereavementuk.org	Support for bereaved children, young people, parents, families and professionals.

Specialist Support

Organisation	Telephone	Website	Support
SANDS	0808 164 3332	sands.org.uk	Support following the death of a baby.
The Lullaby Trust	0808 802 6868	lullabytrust.org.uk	Support after sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).
Miscarriage Association	01924 200 799	miscarriageassociation.org.uk	Support following miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or molar pregnancy.
UKSOBS (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide)	0300 111 5065	uksobs.com	Peer support for people bereaved by suicide.
WAY (Widowed and Young)	No national helpline	widowedandyoung.org.uk	Support for people aged 50 and under whose partner has died.
RoadPeace	0845 4500 355	roadpeace.org	Support following fatal road collisions.

Practical Help

Organisation	Telephone	Website	Support
Bereavement Advice Centre	0800 634 9494	bereavementadvice.org	Practical guidance after a death.
Citizens Advice	Contact your local	citizensadvice.org.uk	Legal, financial and practical advice.

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	Citizens Advice		
MoneyHelper	0800 011 3797	moneyhelper.org.uk	Free government-backed financial guidance, including benefits and funeral costs.
The Bereavement Register	020 7089 6403	thebereavementregister.org.uk	Helps stop unwanted mail addressed to someone who has died.

Funeral and Memorial Advice

Organisation	Telephone	Website	Support
The Good Funeral Guide	No telephone helpline	goodfuneralguide.co.uk	Independent advice and information on funeral planning, costs and choices.
Natural Death Centre	01962 712 690	naturaldeath.org.uk	Guidance on family-led funerals, natural burial and environmentally friendly funeral options.
National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD)	0121 711 1343	nafd.org.uk	Information on choosing a funeral director and finding an NAFD member.
National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM)	01788 542 264	namm.org.uk	Find accredited memorial masons and information on memorial standards and best practice.

Appendix A - Cemetery Fees

Fee category	Resident fee 2026/27	Non-resident fee 2026/27
Single plot, double depth, 99 years	£627	£1,254
Double side-by-side plot	£1,125	£2,250
Child's plot, under 18	Cost paid by CFF	Cost paid by CFF
Enclosed garden plot, 2 plots with space for 4 full burials	£2,508	£5,016

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Enclosed garden plot, 3 plots with space for 6 full burials	£3,762	£7,524
Single depth adult interment	£490	£982
Re-open an existing grave	£490	£982
Digging fee for ashes	£144	£286
New memorial permit	£142	£287
Additional inscription, including kerb sets and tablets	£68	£144
Duplicate deed	£28	£56
Transfer deed	£28	£56
Deed renewal fee	£28	£56
Memorial seating	Price on request	Price on request

Children's Funeral Fund: The Children's Funeral Fund for England can help pay for some funeral costs for a child under 18 or a baby stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy. Claims for burial or cremation fees are usually made directly by the burial or cremation provider, and families should not normally be charged for the fees covered by the scheme.

Fees can be made payable by Cheque to:

Buckingham Town Council

Or via BACS

Account Name: Buckingham Town Council

Sort code: 30-91-39

Lloyds Bank

Account Number: 00051660

Ref: Your plot number