

# **BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **TINGEWICK ROAD CEMETERY**

### **CHOOSING A BURIAL PLOT**



#### **Guidance for Applicants Completing an Exclusive Right of Burial (EROB) Application**

Choosing a burial plot is an important decision, and we understand that it is often made at a difficult and emotional time. This guide explains the different types of burial plots available at Tingewick Road Cemetery to help you choose the option that best meets your family's wishes.

If you are unsure which type of grave is most suitable, please speak to your Funeral Director or contact the Buckingham Town Council Cemetery Team, who will be happy to provide advice and answer any questions.

#### **Burial Plot Options**

##### **Traditional Burial Plots**

Traditional burial plots provide the greatest flexibility for families who wish to create a more personalised place of remembrance.

The grave is level with the surrounding ground and laid to grass. Depending on availability and cemetery allocation, plots may be suitable for either single or double-depth burials.

Where permitted, kerb sets may be installed in designated areas, provided they comply with the Council's cemetery regulations regarding size, materials and installation. Families may also add planting and decorations within the kerb set, provided these do not interfere with the safe maintenance of the cemetery.

The ongoing care of any kerb set, planting or decorative items is the responsibility of the Exclusive Right of Burial holder or their representative.

##### **Traditional Burial Plots are suitable if you would like:**

- Greater flexibility in memorial design.
- A traditional enclosed grave space.
- The opportunity to personalise the grave with approved planting and decorations.
- A grave suitable for single or double-depth burial (subject to availability).

##### **Lawn Burial Plots**

Lawn burial plots provide a simple, dignified and attractive appearance that creates an open and peaceful cemetery environment.

The grave is laid level with the surrounding grass and maintained by Buckingham Town Council. Memorials are limited to those installed within the concrete memorial foundation (rafter) at the head of the grave.

To maintain the appearance and allow safe grounds maintenance, kerb sets, raised mounds, fencing, statues, ornaments, planting and decorations outside the concrete rafter are not permitted and may be removed by the Council without compensation.

**Lawn Burial Plots are suitable if you would like:**

- A simple, low-maintenance grave.
- A traditional headstone without additional grave surrounds.
- A grave suitable for single or double-depth burial (subject to availability).

**Enclosed Family Plots**

Enclosed Family Plots provide a dedicated area designed for multiple family burials within an attractive landscaped setting.

These plots are surrounded by yew hedging maintained by the Council's Cemetery Team, with the surrounding area laid to gravel.

Depending on the plot purchased, families may choose between:

- Three double-depth burial plots providing space for up to six full burials, with additional space for cremated remains following the final full burial; or
- Two double-depth burial plots providing space for up to four full burials, with additional space for cremated remains following the final full burial.

Shared or individual headstones, limited planting and personal memorial items may be permitted, subject to Council approval and compliance with the Cemetery Regulations.

**Enclosed Family Plots are suitable if you would like:**

- A dedicated private family burial area.
- A landscaped setting with defined boundaries.
- Flexibility for memorials and approved planting.

**Children's Burial Plots**

The Children's Section is a dedicated area reserved for the burial of children aged 18 years and under.

Plots are smaller than standard adult graves and have been designed to provide a peaceful and respectful place for remembrance.

Families are encouraged to discuss their wishes with the Cemetery Team before the burial so that the most appropriate plot can be allocated and any individual requirements considered wherever possible.

Flowers, small plants and personal tributes such as toys, artwork or soft memorial items may be placed within the plot, provided they remain within the grave space and do not affect neighbouring graves or routine maintenance.

**Children's Burial Plots are suitable for:**

- Babies and children up to the age of 18.
- Families wishing to create a sensitive and personal place of remembrance.
- Appropriate memorials and personal tributes in accordance with the Cemetery Regulations.

**Muslim Burial Section**

Tingewick Road Cemetery includes a dedicated Muslim Burial Section to accommodate Islamic burial practices with dignity and respect.

Burial plots within this section are orientated towards the Qibla (the direction of Makkah/Mecca) in accordance with Islamic tradition. Shroud and coffin burials are permitted.

Families and Funeral Directors are encouraged to contact the Cemetery Team as early as possible to discuss burial arrangements, including any religious requirements, weekend or Bank Holiday burials and any operational considerations.

Memorials and all other features within this section must comply with the Council's Cemetery Regulations unless specific written permission has been granted.

**The Muslim Burial Section is suitable for:**

- Islamic burials.
- Graves aligned towards the Qibla.
- Families wishing to observe Islamic burial traditions.

**What is an Exclusive Right of Burial?**

Purchasing the Exclusive Right of Burial (EROB) gives the registered deed holder the legal right to decide who may be buried in the grave during the period of the grant and to authorise the installation of any memorial.

The Exclusive Right of Burial does not transfer ownership of the land. Tingewick Road Cemetery remains the property of Buckingham Town Council.

**Need Help?**

If you would like further advice about choosing a burial plot or completing the Exclusive Right of Burial application, please contact:

Buckingham Town Council's Cemetery Team at [cemetery@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cemetery@buckingham-tc.gov.uk) or 01280816426.

The team will be pleased to discuss the available options and help you choose the most appropriate burial plot for your wishes.

