

Dinnington St. John's Town Council

Park Avenue Cemetery

The Town Council welcomes visitors to its award winning Park Avenue Cemetery in Dinnington which is located in well maintained and cared for grounds. Certain areas around the Cemetery are given over to encourage wildlife to add to the general ambiance and give a feeling of peace and tranquillity to those who wish to spend some time there to reflect and remember.

The Cemetery is made available to the public to visit any day of the year. Visitors may care to note that the normal times for burial/memorial work are:-

- Mondays to Fridays from April to September, 10am to 3pm.
- Mondays to Thursdays from October to March 10am to 3pm.
- Fridays from October to March 10am to 2pm.

Burials/Memorial Work is not allowed outside of the above times.

In accordance with legislation governing burial grounds health and safety and to enable the Works and Cemetery Team to maintain the Cemetery to a high standard, the Town Council would appreciate visitors reading, noting and kindly complying with the following basic **rules and regulations**.

- **Vases or ornaments** will be allowed (except glass vases/ornaments) to be placed at either side of headstone memorials if there is enough space available on the concrete plinth and on the ground in front of the headstone memorial by up to 31 centimetres (one foot approximately). *Please note that the Town Council is not responsible for any damage or loss to any articles placed around graves in the Cemetery.*

Green Burial Area only - no vases or ornaments of any description will be allowed to be placed on graves.

- **Water** is available from a tap near the office and visitors are respectfully requested to return the plastic water bottles to the bins provided after use.
- **Wreaths** – wreaths are to be removed from graves two weeks after the date of burial. Any wreaths remaining after this time will be removed by cemetery staff. Christmas wreaths may be laid but must be removed by 1st February each year. Any remaining after this date will, again, be removed by cemetery staff

Activity which is NOT authorised:

- For safety reasons **no unauthorised vehicles** are allowed into the Cemetery, unless part of a funeral cortège. Approved disabled persons motorised chairs/scooters are allowed and can gain access through the pedestrian gate entrance.
- **Digging and planting** of trees/shrubs/flowers in and around graves is prohibited.

***Green Burial Area only** – Trees/roses to mark a grave in the green burial area will be planted by the cemetery staff each October only.*

- **Kerb sets** are not allowed.

In general:

Periodical inspections and checks are made to ensure that memorial stones are safe. The Town Council will attempt to contact owners to advise on repair work if required.

Details of burials and a description of memorials must be submitted to the Town Council for approval and the appropriate fees paid prior to any work taking place. (This is usually arranged by undertakers and memorial companies in conjunction with the Town Council's Works and Cemetery Team). Details of the Town Council's charges for all works within the Cemetery is available from the Cemetery Supervisor (tel. 01909-550407 or email dinningtoncem@live.co.uk), on the Dinnington Town Council website (www.dinningtonstjohns.org) or at any of the local undertakers/memorial companies.

Records of interments, cremation plots and memorials are kept up to date by the Works and Cemetery Team who will be happy to assist with all enquiries.

Please note that the Works and Cemetery Team have other areas around the parish to maintain and are not always in attendance in the cemetery, however, they will reply to all written or telephone enquiries made as soon as possible.

The Town Council may amend the rules and regulations at any time to take into account changes to legislation governing burial grounds.

Town Clerk and Finance Officer
Dinnington St. John's Town Council.