



## **CLARE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **NOTES FOR THE BEREAVED**

1. The Certificate of Exclusive Right of Burial will be issued by the Cemetery Officer on receiving notice of interment.
2. No stone or monument can be placed over a grave unless the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased. As required under the regulations issued by the Home Secretary pursuant to the Burials Acts, all headstones will be removed if necessary to allow further interments to take place.
3. All Registrations of Burials will be kept in the Town Council Office and may be inspected by prior appointment with the Clerk. A plan of the Cemetery and an index which shows the situation of the graves, is kept in the Town Council Office.
4. The Cemetery is officially open to the public from sunrise to sunset. All visitors should keep to the designated roads and footpaths and behave in a responsible manner. Children under the age of 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. Any person found to have caused damage within the Cemetery may be prosecuted and charged for the cost of repairing any damage he/she has caused.
5. The cemetery was designated a “Lawn Cemetery” in 1984. Therefore, graves should not be raised above ground level. Only headstones are allowed on graves in the Cemetery and the new Cemetery Extension. They must be erected vertically and in line with the headstone, if any, on the adjoining grave. Only vases contained in the headstone are permitted.
6. The Town Council reserves the right to remove any trees, shrubs, plants, plastic, wreaths, glass jars or vases situated on graves.
7. Headstones must not exceed 900 mm in height nor have a width of more than 770mm and shall be of natural stone approved in writing by the Town Council. The headstone will normally be inscribed with the name of the deceased, age, date of birth/death and an epitaph.  
Any memorial commemorating a cremated person in the cremation area shall not be more than 600mm high and 450 mm wide. These may be vertical or horizontal. The Town Council must approve in advance the erection of wooden crosses.

These must be made of hardwood not less than 80mm wide and 50mm thick. When erected the cross must not exceed 900mm in height or span more than 600mm.

All designs for memorials shall be submitted to the Cemetery Officer in advance for approval.

8. All Interments in the Cemetery must conform strictly with the Lawn Cemetery Rules. All Wreaths, Flowers and other memorial tokens will be removed after a period of one month from the Interment.

By order of Clare Town Council, April 2013