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## CLARE CEMETERY FEES February 2018

The preservation of burial sites as an amenity for future generations is an essential consideration as Clare Cemetery will continue to be a resting place for the remains of many generations. The Burial Authority is very aware of its social obligations for, as well as the benefits of, preserving what is valued locally.

Charges for burial rarely reflect what is necessary to keep a grave and its surroundings in good order indefinitely. Indeed, this is hardly surprising, since to do so would tend to put burial beyond the reach of all but the most wealthy. The expenditure required to keep a cemetery in 'good order and repair' as required by legislation is significant and thus cemeteries are rarely economically viable without subsidy and, in the case of a closed churchyard such as that of St Peter and St Paul, there is no income for maintenance.

The cost of the burial service is therefore carefully balanced to ensure that the costs are reasonable for the bereaved family and the service is not heavily subsidised by the council taxpayers. The following schedule of fees excludes all labour charges relating to the construction of the grave and burial plot.

Interment	Resident	Non-Resident
Children under 12 years	£0	£0
12+ years double depth (6 foot)	£265	£525
Additional charge per foot depth	by negotiation	by negotiation
Cremation casket/urn	£150	£300
<b>To purchase Exclusive Rights of Burial for 50 years</b>		
Child's grave	£0	£0
Plot for coffin	£115	£230
Plot for ashes	£75	£150
<b>To purchase right to erect a Memorial</b>		
Memorial	£145	£290
Additional work to installed memorial	£30	£30
<b>Additional</b>		
Gravedigging - graves	Single/reopen £310	Double/re-open £320
Gravedigging - cremated remains	£60	£60
Administration fee	£25	£25
Search of Registers for period covering up to 1 year	£11	£11
For each additional year	£3	£3

### **Who qualifies for a residential burial fee?**

- The deceased must have been a permanent resident of the Parish of Clare at the date of death.
- The deceased is the Owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial and was resident in the Parish of Clare at the time of purchase.
- The deceased was resident within one year of the date of death and was moved to a residential care home outside the Parish of Clare.