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CLARE CEMETERY FEES
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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.

Interment (including in meadow burial area when available for use in 2021)	Resident	Non-resident
Children under 12 years	£0	£0
12 + years double depth (6 foot)/re-open	£500	£1000
Additional charge per foot depth	by negotiation	by negotiation
Cremation casket/urn	£290	£580
To purchase Exclusive Right of Burial for 50 years	**Resident**	**Non-resident**
Child's grave	£0	£0
Plot for coffin	£220	£440
Plot for ashes	£155	£310

To purchase right to erect a Memorial	Resident	Non-resident
New memorial – Burial Plot	£330	£660
New Memorial – Ashes Plot	£220	£440
Additional work to installed memorial	£80	£160

To reserve a plot in advance of interment	Resident	Non-resident
Single plot (for period until interment when Exclusive Right of Burial must be purchased)	£135	£270
Additional	Resident	Non-resident
Gravedigger costs; coffin plot double depth – new/reopen	To be arranged with Funeral Director or by negotiation if Clare Town Council required to provide gravedigger	To be arranged with Funeral Director or by negotiation if Clare Town Council required to provide gravedigger
Gravedigger costs; cremated remains	To be arranged with Funeral Director or by negotiation if Clare Town Council required to provide gravedigger	To be arranged with Funeral Director or by negotiation if Clare Town Council required to provide gravedigger
Admin fee (One fee is payable for all new burials or for any amendment to ownership. Where a burial also requires a change of ownership two Admin fees will apply.	£80	£160
Search of registers for period covering up to one year For each additional year	£25 £8	£25 £8

The following categories of person qualify for a residential burial fee?

- The deceased was 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.