



Working for the Community in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

FEES AND CHARGES IN RESPECT OF ROTHERFIELD PARISH CEMETERY (HORNSHURST CEMETERY), ERIDGE LANE, ROTHERFIELD TN6 3JU AND ST DENYS' OLD BURIAL GROUND

EFFECTIVE FROM THE 1ST APRIL 2026

RIGHT OF BURIAL IN A GRAVE

Rotherfield Parish Council permit pre-purchase of burial plots only in exceptional circumstances. Plots purchased prior to the 1st April 2016 will be honoured.

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL IN A GRAVE	ROTHERFIELD PARISHIONER	NON-PARISHIONER
Children under 18 years of age.	No Charge	No Charge
Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial.	£249	£2,266

BURIAL IN A GRAVE

for which an Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased

Child under 18 years of age.	No Charge	No Charge
For each burial in a grave.	£374	£4,192
For burial of cremated remains in a grave.	£187	£1,076

MEMORIALS ON A GRAVE

Headstone not exceeding 3' in height.	£215	£793
A vase on any memorial.	£108	£453
A tablet on any grave.	£125	£453
Additional inscription to an existing memorial.	£63	£149

Arrangements for digging and filling of graves will be dealt with by the Parish Council and the charge for this will be added to the fees detailed above.

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ASHES INTERMENTS

New ashes interments will only be permitted in the plots specifically provided for this purpose alongside the hedge bordering Eridge Lane unless they are to be placed in a burial plot for which the right of burial is already held. The plot size is 460mm x 460mm, depth 460 mm (18"). Ashes may be interred in an urn or directly. Scattering of ashes is not permitted anywhere in the Burial Ground or Cemetery.

RIGHT OF ASHES INTERMENT

Rotherfield Parish Council no longer permit pre-purchase of ashes interment plots. Any plots purchased prior to the 1st April 2016 will be honoured.

RIGHT OF ASHES INTERMENT	ROTHERFIELD PARISHIONER	NON-PARISHIONER
Child under 18 years of age.	No Charge	No Charge
Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial in ashes interment plot.	£317	£850

INTERMENT OF ASHES

For which a Right of Interment of Ashes has been purchased.

Child under 18 years of age.	No Charge	No Charge
For burial of cremated remains in an ashes plot.	£176	£850

MEMORIALS

"Desktop" type memorials incorporating a cut flower holder are the only style permitted.	£176	£850
Additional inscription to an existing memorial.	£63	£149

Arrangements for digging and filling of interment ashes will be dealt with by the Parish Council and the charge for this will be added to the fees detailed above.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES ON REMEMBRANCE WALL

The only permitted style is plain rectangular "bronze" "Horsford" style plaque 150mm w x100mm h (6" x 4") brown finish from The Anglia Sign Casting Company. It must be fitted by a Funeral Director approved by the Parish Council. It is not a requirement that the ashes or remains of the person(s) commemorated are interred in the Parish. These fees should be settled directly with the Funeral Director.	£79	£170
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ELIGIBILITY FOR "ROTHERFIELD PARISHIONER" CEMETERY FEES

- i. A Rotherfield Parishioner is a resident of the Parish who has contributed towards the cost of running the burial ground and cemetery through the Parish element of their Council Tax.
- ii. Rotherfield Parishioner status is granted at the discretion of the Parish Council. For those who are not resident in the Parish, the following factors will be considered in granting Rotherfield Parishioner status:
 - a) A previous resident who has moved due to age or illness or someone who has served the parish over a period of years.
 - b) A spouse, partner, parent or relative who does not live in the parish but wishes to be buried with or near a loved one.

Documentary evidence may be required by the council to consider any requests for eligibility. This would include anybody with a pre-purchased burial or interment plot.

INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS FOR NOTING BY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

- i. A Right of Burial or Right of Ashes Interment may no longer be pre-purchased for burial plots or ashes plots in the cemetery i.e. a plot cannot be reserved for use at some time in the future.
- ii. Rights of Burial or Rights of Interment purchased prior to 1st April 2016 will be honoured by the Parish Council.
- iii. All ashes interments in the cemetery are to be in the ashes plots alongside the Eridge Lane boundary hedge unless they are to be placed in a burial plot for which the right of burial is already held.
- iv. If the right of burial or right of ashes interment is a transferred right, the owner(s) of the right of burial or right of ashes interment must sign the Notice of Burial form to conform with section 10(6) of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977. No right of transference will be allowed beyond 40 years of the purchase date of the right.
- v. Arrangements for digging and filling of graves will be dealt with by the Parish Council and the charge for this will be added to the fees detailed above.
- vi. All excess soil from grave excavations and memorial headstone erection must be placed in the relevant part of the storage area provided which is divided into sections for topsoil/ subsoil/large stones. Any cost incurred by the Parish Council to rectify damage or failure to comply with these requirements will be charged to the Funeral Director or relevant contractor.
- vii. No memorials may be erected without the prior approval of the Parish Council and payment of the prescribed fees. Headstones must be vertical and a maximum of 3' above grass. The plot number must be inscribed on the rear of the memorial.

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- viii.** If a memorial requires temporary removal for the addition of an inscription or repair, the associated plot must be left in a safe and tidy condition and ground conditions restored when the memorial is reinstalled.

INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS FOR CEMETERY USERS AND VISITORS

The Parish Council has these conditions of use to reduce the cost of maintaining the cemetery to a high standard and to provide a pleasing uniform appearance.

- i.** Except for Guide Dogs, no dogs are allowed in the cemetery.
- ii.** No trees, shrubs or plants are to be planted in grave plots. If planted, they will be removed by the Parish Council.
- iii.** Only flowers in vases set into bases of monument headstones are to be used.
- iv.** Plastic flower pots should be avoided as they are easily disturbed by wildlife and windblown across the cemetery.
- v.** Planting of low growing spring flowering bulbs, growing to a maximum height of 30cm, under the grass is permitted.
- vi.** No borders, slate, chip bark or any other unauthorised permanent items are allowed. Any such items will be removed by the council.
- vii.** Flowers (including artificial), wreaths and other floral tributes will be removed from plots by the Parish Council when they are withered or not maintained.
- viii.** Memorial plaques on the Wall of Remembrance must be fitted by a Funeral Director approved by the Parish Council. Owners of plaques are advised that insurance is their responsibility.
- ix.** If a plot shows signs of ground collapse or excess water logging the Parish Council should be advised. Any remedial work such as filling sunken graves or re-grassing will be carried out by the Parish Council at the Parish Council's expense.

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