



# Lawn Cemetery Regulations

In accordance with the Local Government act 1976, schedule 26 and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, the St Mabyn Parish Council, being the Burial Authority for said Parish, has resolved that the following Regulations will operate with regard to Interment and erection of Monuments, Headstones and provision of flower vases in the St Mabyn Lawn Cemetery situated in St Mabyn.

## **BURIALS**

1. The surface of the Cemetery should be kept level and free from gravemounds so that the grass may easily be cut by mechanical mower. No Kerbstones will be permitted. To facilitate the maintenance of the cemetery on lawn type principles there should be no planting or other ornamentation in front of the plinth on graves.
2. The right of a Parishioner is confined to that of interment. The erection of a Memorial can be granted by the Burial Authority, in this case St Mabyn Parish Council, from who written authority must be obtained upon payment of the appropriate fee.
3. No planting of flowers or shrubs shall be carried out except by the Burial Authority.
4. No receptacles other than flower vases specially set into the headstone plinth or in lieu of the same.
5. No stone Monument is to be erected before a minimum of 12 months has elapsed from the date of the interment to allow for settlement.

## **MONUMENTS**

6. A temporary small Cross of unpainted wood not more than 12inches (30cm) x 12inches (30cm) to be placed at the head of the Grave. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.
7. A Headstone must be not more than 4 feet (1m.22cm) high x 3 feet (91cm) wide x 6 inches (15cm) in depth and not less than 2 feet (61cm) high x 20 inches (51cm) wide x 3 inches (7.5cm) in depth. Slate may be 1.5 inches (40cm) in depth and MUST BE Delabole, Lakeland or Welsh Slate. An integral base must not be more than 3 feet (91cm) wide nor project more than 4 inches (10cm) in any direction and must not project more than 4 inches (10cm) above ground level (see Rule 13).
8. Memorials must be of approved Natural Stone, preferably local Granite or Slate, with black or carved lettering.
9. An additional application will be required for a subsequent addition or alteration to a Monument or Headstone.

## **FLOWERS**

10. Wreaths and cut flowers may be laid at the head of the Grave. Plants or cut flowers may, until the Headstone is in place, be placed in a temporary removable container provided it is sunk flush with the ground. These flowers must be removed as soon as they have withered.
11. No artificial flowers are allowed, except for the Remembrance Poppies and Christmas Wreaths which must be removed within two months.
12. Flower vases should be incorporated within the Headstone Base (see Rule 8)

## **GENERAL**

13. Any item found on a Grave which does not comply with these Regulations will be removed.
14. No Monument, Headstone or Flower Vase shall be permitted without the permission of St Mabyn Parish Council and upon payment of the prescribed fees and the deposit of the appropriate application form plus a detailed sketch of the memorial which shall include all measurements above and below ground, width and depth of plinth etc.
15. All Monuments, Headstones and Flower Vases shall remain at the sole risk of the owners of the Graves and the Council shall not be responsible for any damage or breakage which may occur to the same. No Memorials of any description will be allowed to be taken from the Lawn Cemetery except by order of the Council.

These Regulations form part of the Regulations and Scales of Fees and Charges applicable to the management of St Mabyn Lawn Cemetery under the jurisdiction of St Mabyn Parish Council which reserves the right to alter or vary the foregoing Regulations or deviate therefrom in any particular instance if it shall appear desirable to the Council to do so.

All applications and enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, Linda Coles:

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