



TAWSTOCK BURIAL GROUND - POLICY.

1. Contact Details

1.1 Tawstock Parish Council is the Burial Authority, all funeral bookings and reserving of graves must be made via the Parish Clerk on 01271 374428 or email:

tawstockparishcouncil@gmail.com

2. Charges

2.1 A schedule of fees and charges are published annually by the Burial Authority, a copy can be found on the Parish Council website www.tawstockparishcouncil.co.uk

2.2 There are reduced rates for parishioners who were born, live or previously lived within Tawstock Parish compared to non-residents of the parish. A resident is defined as somebody who, immediately prior to their death, was a resident of Tawstock Parish, who was born in the Parish, or who have previously lived in the parish over 10 years. The rates are shown on the schedule of fees.

2.3 All fees relating to the Cemetery must be paid in full in advance.

3. Graves

3.1 Graves will be allocated on a next available basis at the discretion of the Parish Clerk.

3.2 The Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave can be purchased for a period of 50 years. The Exclusive Right of Burial also allows a memorial to be placed on the grave, subject to the Council's memorial regulations.

3.3 A grave may be purchased/reserved in advance. The length of the lease commences on the day of purchase, not when the grave is first used.

3.4 A deed granting the right of interment for 50 years in a grave space will be issued by the Burial Authority and a register of all such grants maintained by the Burial Authority and renewed upon request at an additional fee.

3.5 The Burial Authority will permit up to two grave owners to be named on a deed.

3.6 The Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave must be purchased in order to accommodate a second burial, re-open the grave or erect a memorial.

3.7 In the case of an intended interment (reserved space) in a grave space, where the right of interment has been purchased, the consent of the Grantee must be given under his or her signature.

3.8 The Exclusive Right of Burial can only be transferred to another person via the legal process laid out in the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, i.e., assigned by deed or bequeathed by will. There is a cost for the transfer of exclusive rights of burial which must be paid in full at the time of application.

3.8.1 The Burial Authority will not permit unpurchased graves or to erect memorials on any unpurchased Grave

3.9 The excavation, filling in and turfing of graves is to be carried out in accordance with The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 Article 10 and Schedule 2. The costs will therefore be determined by the Burial Authority.



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3.10 A specific area has been set aside for the burial of Cremated Ashes and Plot Numbers are available from the Parish Clerk. All ashes laid to rest in the Cemetery must be marked with a headstone no higher than 3 feet 6 inches.

3.11. A register of Interments and all other necessary records will be maintained by the Clerk according to The Local Authorities Cemetery's Order 1977 Articles 11 and 12 and Schedule 2.

Coffins & Caskets

4.1 Coffins, caskets & urns for burial wherever possible should be made from suitable bio-degradable materials such as wood, wicker, cane, bamboo etc. Non-bio-degradable materials will not be permitted except for coffin furniture such as handles & name plates.

4.2 Coffins or caskets must be of a size to fit one grave space, and if two grave spaces are required, permission must be sought from the Burial Authority and the purchaser will be charged accordingly.

5. Headstones and Memorials

5.1 All monuments and vases, together with inscriptions thereon, are subject to the approval of the Burial Authority, and when erected must be kept in repair by, and at the expense of, the respective owners.

5.2 All requests for benches, kerbs, border stones, chippings or gravel must be referred to the Burial Authority for approval. If erected without approval it may be removed by the Burial Authority at a cost to the grave owner.

5.3 Headstones should be upright and no higher than 3 feet 6 inches, 2 and a half feet wide and one foot deep. Due to the maintenance of the cemetery flat tablets should be avoided. If in doubt, please contact the Burial Authority for approval if you wish to use any other type of headstone.

5.4 Headstones should not be erected until at least 12 months after the burial to allow time for the ground to settle.

5.5 Materials used for the memorial should be in keeping with the surroundings and headstones should ideally be the following:

1. Bronze
2. Marble
3. Granite
4. Limestone
5. Slate

5.6 Wording and font type should be timeless and dignified using your own personal choice and any questions relating to the fitness of any monumental inscription in the consecrated portion is determined by the Burial Authority.

5.7 No toys, Teddy Bears or Gravestone ornaments should be placed on or around the gravestone without prior approval from the Burial Authority.

5.8 The planting of shrubs, or similar is prohibited.



5.9 The Burial Authority accepts no responsibility for any damage which may occur to monuments or vases. Those responsible for the upkeep of graves should ensure that adequate insurance cover is taken out.

6. It is the responsibility of the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial to repair any memorial deemed to be unsafe.

8. Memorials will only be permitted on grave spaces that have been purchased and the purchaser must provide prior approval.

8.1 If a grave is not used or stands empty for more than 30 years for graves purchased prior to 17th September 2024, or 50 years if purchased after this date then the burial authority has the right to take the unused grave back for future use.

9. Any person willfully destroying or injuring any fence, tree or plant in the Cemetery, or injuring or defacing any monument or any inscription thereon will be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 Articles 18 and 19 and Part 1 or Schedule 2.

10. The Parish Council reserve the right to make further regulations or alter the regulations, as they think necessary.

11. Dogs are not permitted in the cemetery, other than guide dogs and assistance dogs.

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BURIAL FEES – 2024/2025

PART 1: INTERMENT	FEES
Body of a still-born child or child whose age at the time of death did not exceed two years	No Charge
Body of a child whose age at time of death exceeded two years but did not exceed 18 years	No Charge
Body of a parishioner whose age at the time of death exceeded 18 years	£252.00
Body of a non-parishioner who was born or had previously lived in the Parish over 10 years whose age at time of death exceeded 18 years.	£591.00
Interred Cremated remains - for parishioner	£67.00
Interred Cremated remains - for Non-parishioner who was born or had previously lived in the parish over 10 years.	£210.00
Re-opening of grave -Parishioner	£252.00
Re-opening of grave- Non-Parishioner who was born or had previously lived in the parish over 10 years	£591.00
PART 2- EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL (50 YEARS) RENEWABLE	
Parishioner (child's plot half the fee)	£168.00
Non parishioner but who was born or who had previously lived in the Parish over 10 years	£473.00
Cremated remains in a grave 3ft x 3ft - Parishioner	£168.00



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Cremated remains in a grave 3ft x 3ft – Non- Parishioner who was born or had previously lived in the parish over 10 years	£233.00
Transfer of exclusive rights of burial	£47.00
PART 3 - OTHER CHARGES	
Headstone not exceeding 3ft x 3 ft 6 inches	£84.00
Vase	£58.00
Additional Inscription	£58.00
Exhumation of Body	£807+ costs
Exhumation of Cremated remains	£416+ costs

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