



Ickleton Cemetery Information Guide

Before a burial can take place, you must purchase a grave. Please contact the Parish Clerk – clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk for details of fees and guidelines.

Purchased graves

You can purchase a grave at the time of a person's death. Two types of grave are available: a grave space which, on the surface, including any headstone, does not exceed two metres by one metre, or a cremation plot, which measures 600mm square.

Purchasing a grave does not mean you own the plot of land. You purchase an Exclusive Right of Burial and a Memorial Right separately, and there are additional fees for the interment. As the owner, you have the right to be buried or to give permission for someone else to be buried in the plot. You also have the right to erect a headstone or memorial on the grave with the prior permission of the Parish Council. We advise that the installation of memorials occurs at least six months following the burial, when the ground has settled and stabilised.

Pre-purchased graves

It is not currently possible to pre-purchase graves at Ickleton Cemetery.

Deed of Grant

When you purchase Exclusive Rights of Burial, you will be issued with a Deed of Grant. It is an important document that proves that you are the registered owner and should therefore be kept in a safe place.

Length of purchase

The Exclusive Rights of Burial are given for 99 years, after which the rights can be renewed. If the lease is not renewed or the owner cannot be traced, the rights will revert to Ickleton Parish Council.

Responsibility of the Parish Council and grave owner

Ickleton Parish Council will maintain the area around the graves by cutting the grass in the cemetery. The Parish Council has the responsibility for the safety of visitors and periodically performs safety checks on the memorials. If a memorial is found to be unsafe, the Parish Council will contact the grave owner to inform them. The grave owner is responsible for arranging and paying for the required repair work. The grave owner is responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of memorials and for the upkeep of any plants. Unkempt graves may be reinstated with turf.

Transfer of Rights

At any time, you may transfer your Exclusive Right of Burial to another person. This must be done legally by the completion of forms, which can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. You may also bequeath your Exclusive Rights of Burial to someone in your will. After your death, the executor of your will should contact the Parish Clerk to transfer the rights to the new owner. If the Exclusive Right of Burial is not bequeathed in your will, the executor(s) will be given the rights, and they should contact the Parish Clerk. If there is no will, the administrator will be given the rights, and they should contact the Parish Clerk.

Please note that it is very important that you notify the Parish Clerk of any change in contact details during the period of ownership.