

Blackwater and Hawley Town Council  
Hawley Cemetery  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q. Who is responsible for the Hawley Churchyard/Burial Ground, Fernhill Road, GU17 9BN

A. The Hawley Churchyard/Burial Ground (located opposite Holy Trinity Church, Hawley) belongs to the Church of England and the main contact is Father Martyn Neale at the Holy Trinity Church.

Q. Who is responsible for the Hawley Cemetery, The Glebe, GU17 9BB

A. The Hawley Cemetery is the responsibility of Blackwater and Hawley Town Council. It is a 'closed' cemetery which means it is for the residents who live in the Blackwater and Hawley boundary area and who pay their taxes to Blackwater and Hawley Town Council for its upkeep and maintenance. It is also a smaller cemetery compared to others in the area which is why it is a closed cemetery for Blackwater and Hawley Town Council tax payers only.

Q. But my postal address states Blackwater

A. Addresses relate to postal deliveries and some properties with a Blackwater postal address are in fact in the Yateley Town Council area. Yateley Town Council also has a cemetery at Heathlands and you will need to contact Yateley Town Council for further information. Also, check your council tax bill which states who you pay your taxes to.

Q. But my postal address states Hawley

A. Addresses relate to postal deliveries and some properties with a Hawley postal address are in fact in the Rushmoor Borough Council area. Rushmoor Borough also has a cemetery at Ship Lane and you will need to contact Rushmoor Borough Council for further information. Also, check your council tax bill which states who you pay your taxes to.

Q. How can I check if I'm in the Blackwater Town Council boundary area

A. The quickest and easiest way is to check the council tax bill you received from Hart District Council, which gives a breakdown of who you pay your taxes to. We can also verify the addresses within the Blackwater and Hawley Town Council boundary area. But if you live outside our boundary area whether it's Yateley, Rushmoor, Eversley, Sandhurst etc you will need to contact those authorities direct.

Q. But I already pay my taxes to the government

A. We pay taxes in a variety of ways, but the upkeep and maintenance of the Hawley Cemetery is paid solely by Blackwater and Hawley Town Council residents and not by the government.

Q. Why can't I choose where to bury my loved ones

A. You are free to choose other cemeteries which do not operate a closed cemetery. But the Hawley Cemetery is a closed cemetery for the reasons previously explained.

Q. Are there any exceptions

A. The only exception is for a 'First Blood' relative which is a parent, sibling or child. Please note this does not therefore include a second or third degree blood relative.

Q. What do I do next

A. If the recently deceased lived in the Blackwater and Hawley Town Council boundary area you will need to contact a local funeral director. Be prepared however to provide the funeral director with further documentary evidence in order to fulfil the closed cemetery rules for the Hawley Cemetery.