

# **Blackwater and Hawley Town Council Hawley Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

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***Hawley Cemetery is a 'Closed' Cemetery for  
The Residents who Live in the Blackwater and Hawley Town Council Boundary Area and  
Contribute their Taxes to Blackwater and Hawley Town Council towards its upkeep***

***Burials in Grave Spaces are Granted for the Period  
Not Exceeding One Hundred Years, subject to any Regulations or Bye-Laws***

- 1 Notice of an intended interment must be given to the Burial Clerk of the Town Council at least two days prior to the interment (Exclusive of Sundays). Notice must be given on the printed form obtainable from the Executive Officer.
- 2 All fees and charges must be paid to the Executive Officer at the time of the notice of interment. Fees for erections of gravestones must be paid before the work is approved and commenced.
- 3 No grave will be more than 9ft long and 4ft wide and must be in line with other graves. Plots for Cremated Remains are 3ft long and 3ft wide. All burials must be in strict rotation and no person is allowed to purchase the right of burial in advance.
- 4 Headstones will be allowed on the graves and they must be installed in line with other headstones. There must be no concrete, wooden or plastic structures on the graves and no trees or shrubs.

As Cremated Remains plots are smaller, they must comply with the rules and regulations. There must be no garden, trees, shrubs, concrete, wooden or plastic structures placed on the plot.

- 5 The maximum measurements are as follows:-
  - i) Graves  
Height of the headstone (including base) is 3ft; width (including base) is 2ft 6ins. The maximum length of the base is 12ins and its maximum thickness is 3ins. For a headstone tablet this must not exceed 4ins in height, 1ft 6ins in length and 1ft 6ins in width
  - ii) Kerb Sets  
The maximum length of the kerb set will be 6ft 6ins, the width will be 2ft 6ins.
  - iii) Cremated Remains  
Height of the headstone (including base) is 2ft 6ins; width (including base) is 1ft 6ins. The maximum length of the base is 12ins and maximum thickness is 3ins. For a headstone tablet this must not exceed 4ins in height, 1ft 6ins in length and 1ft 6ins in width.

No erection shall be removed or replaced without the prior consent of the Town Council.

- 6 Any damage caused by bringing in materials or gravestones shall be made good by, or at the expense of, the person or persons on whose order the materials were supplied.
- 7 A Register of all burials in the Cemetery shall be kept by the Executive Officer. At reasonable times a search of the register may be made, and may be subject to an additional payment.
- 8 The necessary arrangements for the conduct of the Burial Service (if any) shall be made by the representative of the deceased.
- 9 The first interment in any grave shall be at a depth of eight feet.
- 10 Any person who wilfully destroys or damages any building, wall, fence, footpaths, tree or shrub belonging to the Cemetery, or puts up any bill therein, or defaces any tablet, memorial or inscription, or who commits any nuisance whatsoever within the grounds of the Cemetery shall be liable to a penalty of Five Hundred Pounds.
- 11 Future plots are restricted to the residents of the Blackwater and Hawley Town Council Boundary area. There will be exceptions to the ruling in special circumstances for somebody who is a first blood relation to family already interred.