

BEDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
CEMETERIES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

- Provision of Cemeteries. 1.—The Cemeteries are situated at Coventry Road, Bedworth, and Marston Lane, Bedworth, and are provided for the use of the inhabitants of the urban district, which comprises the area for which the Bedworth Urban District Council act as the Burial Authority.
- Definitions. 2.—The term " Authority " means the Bedworth Burial Authority. The term " Urban area " means the Urban District of Bedworth. The word " resident " shall mean one habitually residing in the Burial Area at the time of death, or dying at a public institution after being temporarily removed from the Burial Area.
- Fees. 3.—All fees shall be paid to the Treasurer, Council Offices, High Street, Bedworth, immediately after notice has been given to the Registrar of Burials, Council Offices, Bedworth of an intended interment in respect of which such fees are chargeable. Receipt for fees paid and for permission to proceed must be produced to the Superintendent prior to the commencement of any work. The Treasurer will receive for the persons entitled thereto the fees and charges of the Minister, Parish Clerk and Sexton.

COVENTRY ROAD CEMETERY

- Purchase of Graves. 4.—Any person may purchase the exclusive right of burial in any grave in any portion of the Cemetery.
- Depth of Graves. 5.—For children under ten years of age a new grave or vault shall not be less than five feet, and for those above that age, not less than six feet in depth from the surface of the ground.

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Opening of Purchased Graves. 6.—No vault or grave, in which the exclusive right of burial has been purchased, shall be opened without the production of the Grant, and/or the owner's consent in writing with an indemnity to the Authority. The proof of ownership to be in the discretion of the Authority.

Wood Coffins. 7.—Coffins of wood only will be allowed in graves in which the exclusive right of burial has not been purchased in perpetuity.

Undisturbed earth. 8.—When more than one body is interred in any grave a layer of earth not less than six inches thick shall be left undisturbed above the previously buried coffin except in cases of two interments at the same time.

Vaults and Brick Graves. 9.—No body shall be buried in a vault or walled grave unless the coffin be separately entombed in an air-tight manner, that is, by properly cemented stone or brickwork, which shall never be disturbed, and there must be 18 inches of soil between the top of the vault or grave, and the ordinary surface of the ground.

10.—Vaults or Brick graves shall be opened from the top, and all walls and arches of such graves or vaults shall be nine inches in thickness, and every wall between two vaults or graves shall be a party-wall.

11.—Every person who, in the Cemetery, buries a body in a vault shall, within a period of twenty-four hours after the deposit in the vault of the coffin containing the body, cause the coffin to be wholly and permanently embedded and covered with a layer or layers of good cement concrete, not less in any part than six inches in thickness, or be wholly and permanently enclosed in a separate cell or receptacle which shall be constructed of slate or stone flagging not less than two inches thick, properly jointed in cement, or of good brick-work in cement, and in such a manner as to prevent, as far as possible, the escape of any noxious gas from the interior of the cell or receptacle.

Notice of Burial. 12.—Notice of interment is to be given in the form provided by the Authority, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m., to the Registrar of Burials, Council Offices, Redworth.

Not less than three clear days' notice shall normally be given to the Registrar of any interment, this period being exclusive of Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day or other Bank or Public Holidays. No interments are allowed on Saturday after 11.30 a.m., Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day or other Bank or Public Holidays, except with the sanction of the Authority or on the recommendation of a Doctor.

Certificate of Death. 13.—The Registrar's or Coroner's Certificate of the death of a person to be buried, must be given to the Registrar at the time of giving the order. This Regulation also applies to the burial of Still-born Children.

Hours of Burial. 14.—No burial shall take place before ten o'clock in the morning, nor after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, unless extra fees to cover the extra cost involved for the irregular hours be paid. The time named in the notice for a funeral is that at which the cortege is to be at the Cemetery; an extra fee of one shilling will be charged for every fifteen minutes past the time stated in the Notice of Interment.

Admission of Public. 15.—The Cemetery will be open to the General Public on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the Winter time, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the Summer time. On Sundays the hours of admission will be as follows:—

January	...	9 a.m.—4 p.m.
February	...	9 a.m.—5 p.m.
March	...	9 a.m.—6 p.m.
April	...	9 a.m.—7 p.m.
May	...	9 a.m.—8 p.m.
June	...	9 a.m.—8 p.m.
July	...	9 a.m.—8 p.m.
August	...	9 a.m.—8 p.m.
September	...	9 a.m.—6.30 p.m.
October	...	9 a.m.—5 p.m.
November	...	9 a.m.—4 p.m.
December	...	9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Children under 12 years of age will not be admitted except under the care of a responsible person, and all visitors will be expected to keep to the gravel roads and walks, to refrain from touching shrubs or flowers and to observe perfect decorum in all respects therein. Dogs will not be allowed to enter the Cemetery, and smoking is strictly prohibited therein. Admission will be refused to any person in a state of intoxication.

Admission of Carriages.	16.—Carriages accompanying funerals will be admitted into the Cemetery when necessary. No others will be admitted except with the consent of the Authority or their Superintendent. Any carriage so admitted to be under the control of the Superintendent or other officer of the Authority.	22.—Whenever a headstone or footstone or a flat stone without brickwork or masonry is put down, without the exclusive right of burial in the grave space having been purchased, it is expressly stipulated that the right of such stone shall be limited to the time when the grave can be re-opened for another interment, according to the Regulations, made with respect to the Cemetery, after which time the Authority shall have power to remove such stones.	
Monumental Designs and Inscriptions.	17.—Before the erection of any Tomb, Monument, Tablet or Grave stone a drawing thereof and a copy of the proposed inscription must be delivered to the Registrar for the approval of the Authority, and a Certificate of such approval must be obtained before they can be fixed or erected. The number of the grave space must be fixed on every Memorial.	Planting.	23.—Flowers and Shrubs may be planted on graves and vaults subject to the approval of the Authority, but must not be cut or removed without permission, and they will be kept in order by the Authority upon the payment of an annual sum of not less than one shilling. Nevertheless the Authority reserves the right to remove any of the shrubs, plants or flowers at any time when in the opinion of the Superintendent they may have become overgrown or unsightly. Also the Authority reserve the right to open the grave when they shall be legally entitled to do so.
Erection of Tombstones, etc.	18.—No Monument, Tombstone, Headstone or other erection will be allowed to be erected unless supported on proper foundations. No palisading of greater height than 18ins. will be allowed. No hewing or dressing of stone will be allowed in the Cemetery and all monuments when commenced shall be proceeded with from day to day until completed. Copper cramps are to be used in the erection of Tablets and Monuments.	Unightly Ornaments.	24.—Artificial wreaths and unsightly ornaments, such as glass bottles, jars, jugs, etc., will be removed by the Authority. Small flowers may be placed upon the graves.
Materials how conveyed.	19.—All materials must be conveyed into the Cemetery in approved vehicles, and all materials not used, rubbish, refuse, etc., to be removed forthwith, and the Authority is at liberty to refuse to allow tradesmen or workmen to perform any work in the Cemetery in case of non-compliance with any of these Rules and Regulations. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final and binding in these cases. Boards or Canvas are to be used as the Superintendent may direct to preserve the grass and roads from injury by any work.	Unpurchased Graves.	25.—No unpurchased grave can be re-opened within fourteen years after the burial of a person above twelve years of age, or within eight years after the burial of a child under twelve years of age, unless to bury another member of the family.
Work how performed.	20.—All Monuments, Tombs, Tablets, Grave stones, Head stones and Palisading are to be kept in repair by the owner (except in cases of special arrangements with the Authority). The Authority does not guarantee the stability of vaults or monuments.	Purchased Graves.	26.—Every person who in the Cemetery buries a body in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted by the Authority, shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the lapse of such a period as may reasonably suffice for the natural subsidence of the earth with which the grave has been filled up, cause the surface of the grave to be properly covered with good black soil, or with any gravestone or monument which in pursuance of any grant by the Authority, may lawfully be erected or placed on the grave, or shall cause the surface of the grave to be planted with shrubs or with other suitable vegetation. The surface of the grave to be levelled and surplus soil removed as early as possible after an interment has taken place.
Right to erect Monuments, etc.	21.—No Memorial or Monument other than a head and foot stone, or a flat stone without brickwork or masonry will be allowed in or over any grave unless the exclusive right of burial in it has been purchased. No headstone shall exceed five feet in height within eight feet of a path.		

TABLE OF FEES, PAYMENTS AND SUMS fixed and settled under Section 34 of the Burial Act, 1852, by the Urban District Council of Bedworth acting as the Burial Authority for the Urban District of Bedworth, in respect of the Coventry Road and Marston Lane Cemeteries

The attention of the Public is drawn to Sections 58 and 59 of the Cemeteries Clauses Act, 1847, viz. :-

58. Every person who shall wilfully destroy or injure any building wall, or fence belonging to the Cemetery, or destroy or injure any tree or plant therein, or who shall daub or disfigure any wall thereof, or wilfully destroy, injure or deface any monument, tablet, inscription, or gravestone within the Cemetery, or do any wilful damage therein, shall forfeit to the Authority for every such offence a sum not exceeding five pounds.
59. Every person who shall play at any games or sport, or discharge fire-arms save at a military funeral, in the Cemetery, or who shall wilfully or unlawfully disturb any persons assembled in the Cemetery for the purpose of burying any body therein, or who shall commit any nuisance within the Cemetery, shall forfeit to the Authority for every such offence a sum not exceeding five pounds.

1. INTERMENTS (including all charges for labour)

	£	s.	d.
(a) For any interment of the body of —			
(i) a still-born child or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month ..		10	0
(ii) a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed twelve years	1	0	0
(iii) a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years	3	0	0
(b) The above fees provide for interment at a depth not exceeding 6 feet. For any interment at a depth exceeding 6 feet — For each additional 1 foot 6 inches or part thereof an additional			
	1	0	0
(c) For any interment of the cremated remains of any child or person	2	0	0
(d) For any interment which takes place where the notice prescribed by regulations has not been given, an additional	1	0	0

2. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

For the exclusive right of burial in perpetuity in an earthen grave :-

(i) 8 feet by 4 feet	7	0	0
(ii) 8 feet by 8 feet	14	0	0

3. WALLED GRAVES AND VAULTS

For the right to construct, including the exclusive right of burial therein in perpetuity :—

(a) A walled grave—	
(i) 8 feet by 4 feet	12 0 0
(ii) 8 feet by 8 feet	24 0 0
(b) A vault—	
(i) 8 feet by 4 feet	17 0 0
(ii) 8 feet by 8 feet	34 0 0

The foregoing fees, payments and sums will be doubled where the person to be interred or in respect of whom the right is granted, is, or was immediately before his death, not an inhabitant or parishioner of the Urban District of Bedworth or, in the case of a still-born child, where neither of the parents is, or was at the time of interment, such an inhabitant or parishioner.

4. MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES AND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

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Coventry Road Cemetery

For the right to erect or place—

(a) A flat stone, with first inscription—	
(i) not exceeding 7 feet by 3 feet	1 10 0
(ii) exceeding 7 feet by 3 feet	2 10 0
(b) A headstone, with first inscription—	
(i) not exceeding 3 feet in height	2 2 0
(ii) exceeding 3 feet but not exceeding 3 feet 6 inches in height	3 3 0
(iii) exceeding 3 feet 6 inches but not exceeding 4 feet in height	4 4 0
(iv) exceeding 4 feet in height	5 5 0
(c) A footstone not exceeding 3 feet in height, with first inscription	
	1 1 0
(d) Kerbstones, with first inscription—	
(i) not exceeding 7 feet by 3 feet	2 2 0
(ii) exceeding 7 feet by 3 feet but not exceeding 7 feet by 7 feet	4 4 0

(e) A Monument in the form of a vase—

(i) not exceeding 12 inches in height, without an inscription	10 0
(ii) not exceeding 12 inches in height, with first inscription	15 0
(iii) exceeding 12 inches in height, without an inscription	15 0
(iv) exceeding 12 inches in height, with first inscription	1 0 0

(f) In any other form (with first inscription)

(i) not exceeding 5 feet in height with a base not exceeding 3 feet by 1 foot 6 inches	3 10 0
(ii) exceeding 5 feet in height or with a base exceeding 3 feet by 1 foot 6 inches	6 6 0

(g) Any inscription after the first on a gravestone or monument

10 0

Marston Lane Cemetery

For the right to erect or place :—

(a) A headstone not exceeding 3 feet in height and 2 feet wide, with first inscription	2 2 0
(b) A memorial in the form of a vase—	
(i) not exceeding 12 inches in height, without an inscription	10 0
(ii) not exceeding 12 inches in height, with first inscription	15 0
(iii) exceeding 12 inches in height, without an inscription	15 0
(iv) exceeding 12 inches in height, with first inscription	1 0 0
(c) Any inscription after the first on a headstone or a vase	
	10 0

Given under the Common Seal of the Urban District Council at a meeting of the Urban District Council duly convened and held on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1954, being the Table of Fees, Payments and Sums, fixed and settled under Section 34 of the Burial Act, 1852, by the said Council acting as the Burial Authority for Bedworth.

T. F. DEWIS, Chairman.

R. E. HUBAND, Clerk.



The foregoing table of fees, payments and sums under section 34 of the Burial Act, 1852, is hereby approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government this fourteenth day of April, 1954

J. E. BEDDOE, Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Housing
and Local Government



OTHER FEES

	s. d.
Minister's Fee :	
In respect of the burial of a child under 10 years of age	5 0
All other interments	10 0
Disposal of cremated remains—scattering of ashes	10 0
Wheeled Bier with Attendant	3 6
Turfing Grave	5 0
Tidying Grave	2 6
Maintaining Grave for one year	7 6
Maintaining each additional adjoining enclosed grave	3 0
Parish Clerk's fee	1 0
Certified Extract from Burials Register	2 7
Searches for first year	1 0
Searches for every subsequent year	6