

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Outlined below is a summary of the key aspects of the Council's Cemetery Regulations, which will need to be complied with should you decide to make your funeral arrangements in a cemetery owned by Basildon Council.

It is very important that the implications of complying with the Cemetery Regulations are understood as, once the interment has been made, the Regulations will form a binding agreement between the Exclusive Right Holder and Basildon Council. However, for burials, a period of 14 months grace is allowed to take into account settlement of the grave.

The full Regulations are available from the Council and can be obtained by telephoning 01268 294907. You may also telephone this number if you wish to seek any guidance regarding the Regulations.

- **Summary of Cemetery Regulations - Dated 4 /1/2011**
- The Regulations are required as part of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.
- Gravestones must be constructed of durable stone and shall not exceed 36 inches in height, 30 inches in width and shall be between 3 and 12 inches in thickness.
- The cemetery is of a lawned aspect that limits the area of the grave that is permitted to be maintained. The area is limited to a garden area of 36 in length by 30 inches in width immediately in front of the headstone. The remainder of the grave is lawned and is open to the movement for people and equipment.
- Kerbing around the garden area (36 inches by 30 inches) shall be no higher than 6 inches above soil level and no wider than 4 inches.
- Wooden Memorials, i.e. crosses are permitted sizes (no taller than 36 inches in height and no more that 18 inches in width.
- Any reasonable memorialisation is permitted within the garden area just in front of the headstone (36 inches by 30 inches) providing it does not constitute a nuisance or danger to any Cemetery visitor or worker and does not exceed the height or width of headstone
- Photographs of the deceased are allowed but only to a maximum size of 3¼ inches by 3 ½ inches.
- Memorial Stones for cremated remains shall be limited to 24 inches in length, 9 inches in height and 9 inches in width.
- Whilst the grave is in the earth settlement stage it is permitted to adorn the whole length of the grave with flowers, however 14 months after the burial the grave must be compliant with the Cemetery regulations.
- It is advised that headstones are not erected until at least 18 months after the burial to allow for ground settlement.

