

Tonyrefail & District Community Council

Exclusive Rights of Burial

OWNER INFORMATION LEAFLET

This leaflet explains what that means, your rights and responsibilities, and how to work with the Council when planning a burial or memorial.

What is an Exclusive Right of Burial?

This is not ownership of land, but a legal right to:

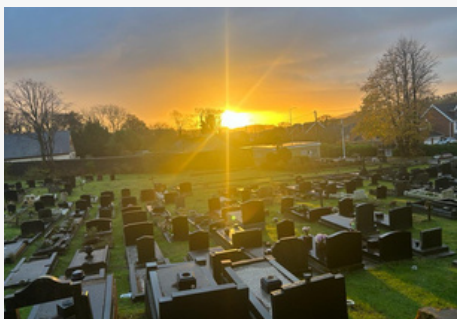
- Be buried in a specific grave space;
- Authorise burials of others in that same grave (space permitting);
- Apply for permission to place a memorial.

The land itself remains the property of Tonyrefail & District Community Council, which is responsible for the overall management of the cemetery.

How Long Does the Right Last?

The right is granted for 50 years from the date of issue.

As the expiry date approaches, the Council will write to the registered grave owner to offer a renewal (subject to a fee). You can update your contact details with us at any time.



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Contact: Clerk on
Tel: 01443 673991
or cemetery@tonyrefail-cc.gov.wales

What Happens at the End of the Term?

If the right is not renewed:

- No further burials may take place in the grave;
- The Council may take over the responsibility for any memorial;
- The grave may revert to Council control after a further notice period;
- Any remaining space in the plot may be used.

We strongly recommend keeping your contact details up to date, and making sure your

next of kin is aware of your ownership.

Planning a Burial

Only the registered EROB holder can give permission for someone to be buried in the grave.

Burials must be arranged through the Council, and the Council decides the precise positioning of the interment (e.g. head or foot end, depth) in line with safety regulations and cemetery layout.



Memorials and Headstones

You may apply to place a memorial on the grave. This must:

- Be installed by a BRAMM-registered stonemason;
- Be approved by the Council before work begins;

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- Meet our size, material, and safety standards.

The owner is ultimately responsible for ensuring the memorial is safe and in good condition. Any works that are needed, must be done by a registered stonemason.

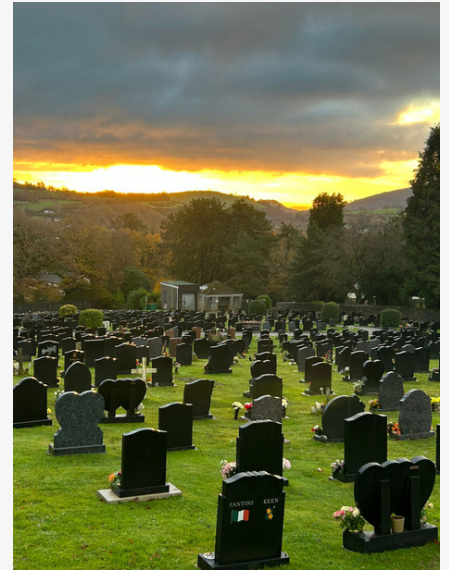
If it becomes unsafe, the Council may lay it flat or remove it for public safety.

Transferring Ownership

As the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave, you may transfer this right to another person, provided the correct legal process is followed. This involves contacting the office where the required paperwork will be completed with you. You will be asked to provide supporting documents

(such as a Will or Grant of Probate if the original owner is deceased), and sometimes you or other entitled persons may need to make a statutory declaration. The transfer must be approved and recorded by the council to ensure it is legally recognised.

After your death, the right can only be transferred by will or legal inheritance, and evidence will be required.



Stay in Touch

To avoid delays or difficulties, please tell us if:

- » Your contact details change;
- » You would like to discuss a future interment or memorial;
- » You want to update the registered grave owner.

Contact:

Clerk to the Council

Tonyrefail & District Community Council

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Your Responsibilities at a Glance

- » Keep your contact details up to date.
- » Give written permission for burials or memorials.
 - » Maintain any memorial on the grave.
- » Follow the cemetery regulations at all times.