

Memorials in Trane Cemetery

INFORMATION LEAFLET

This leaflet explains what types of memorials are allowed in the cemetery and what to expect when applying, installing or maintaining them.

Types of Memorials

The size, design and type of memorial permitted depends on the kind grave plot.

We offer several plot types to meet different needs and preferences:

- **Lawn Graves:** turfed over after burial, allowing a headstone at the head-end only.



Lawn Grave

- **Traditional Graves:** may be adorned along the full length and headstones and kerbs can be installed.
- **Ashes Graves:** half-sized lawn plots for cremated remains, allowing for a headstone at the head-end only.



Traditional Graves

- **Cremation Plots:** memorial wedges are permitted. Any objects or materials placed outside the footprint of the wedge may be removed by Cemetery staff.



Cremation Plots

Wooden Crosses

Wooden crosses are permitted so long as they do not exceed 3 feet in height and 2 feet wide.

Sizes and Materials

All memorials are to be constructed of natural quarried stone, on bases of reinforced concrete or natural quarried stone.

	Lawn	Traditional	Cremation plot
Base	1" x 36" x 18"	-	- x 18" x 18"
Memorial	36" x 36"	-	1.5" x 15" x 15"
Kerb set	-	- x 36" x 84"	-

H – height x W – width x D – depth

How soon after an interment can a Memorial be installed?

Natural settlement of a grave will take place after a burial. The cemetery staff will add soil to the grave until the likelihood of further sinking has passed. This is very much dependent on weather conditions.

It is hard to say how long this will take, but we advise you to leave at least twelve months before erecting a full memorial on a lawn plot. This will aid the stability of the memorial.

We suggest waiting six months on a cremation plot before installing a tablet or wedge.

Our Burials Team is always on hand to advise you on specific plots.

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Memorial Permits

A permit must be obtained, before work is carried out on a memorial.

The Memorial Mason obtains this by completing and returning a permit application form. This is available from the Cemeteries Office or the Council's website.

Who can authorise work to a Memorial?

Where the registered grave owner is alive, they must give consent by signing the Memorial Permit Application. If there are more than one owner, all must give consent and sign the paperwork.

If the registered owner is deceased, a transfer of ownership will be required before the permit can be issued.

Owner's Responsibilities

The upkeep and maintenance of the memorial is the responsibility of the grave owner. If a memorial becomes dangerous, we may need to take whatever action is deemed necessary to make it safe, which may mean removing it. If expenses are incurred, these

may be reclaimed from the holder of the Rights to the grave.

Memorial Masons

All works to memorials, including removal, refixing and refurbishment must be carried out under the supervision of a stonemason who is a registered member of the BRAMM and/or NAMM scheme, and in strict accordance with BS8415. Contractors must have public and product liability insurance of at least £5,000,000.

Memorial Safety & Inspections

To ensure public safety, memorials are inspected by the Council on a five-year rolling cycle. If a memorial is found to be unstable or damaged, the grave owner is responsible for arranging and covering the cost of any necessary repairs.

It is important to keep us up-to-date with your current contact details.

Memorial Insurance

It is always advisable to insure a memorial against accident, damage, theft and vandalism. Information regarding this is available from local Memorial Masons.

What is not permitted?

Glass and ceramic (pottery) pots and ornaments, other breakable items are not permitted and should not be placed on your grave as they may be removed.

Apart from traditional graves located on the lower section of the Cemetery, no kerbs, fencing, railings or edgings and gravel are permitted. Anything placed outside the footprint of the headstone may be removed by Cemetery staff.

Trees, shrubs and plants should not be planted on any grave.

This list is not exhaustive: See the Cemetery Regulations for more information.

Memorial Benches & Plaques

A limited number of memorial benches are available by application.

Plaques may be placed within the Garden of Remembrance, upon application.



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Office hours:

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For further information, memorial permit application forms and burial fees, visit our website or scan the QR code below.

