

Fulneck Burial Ground Rules

Fulneck Burial Ground is under the management and control of Fulneck Church Committee. The committee shall appoint a Burial Ground Steward to organise the day-to-day maintenance of the burial ground and the preparation of graves and cremation plots as necessary.

The Fulneck Burial Ground Steward need not be a member of the Fulneck Church Committee, but should in any case report to Fulneck Church Committee through the Fulneck Minister. Applications for all interments and scattering of ashes should be made through the Fulneck Minister.

Fulneck Burial Ground is for Fulneck congregation members. Members are defined as those who are on the roll of the Fulneck congregation at the time of their death. Children aged 18 or under of Fulneck congregation members will be afforded the same privileges as members. Partners of congregation members may also, at the discretion of the committee, have use of the burial ground.

Partners and children aged 18 or under of those with an existing plot in the burial ground will be afforded the same privileges as congregation members.

Non-members of the congregation (other than those detailed above) may, at the discretion of Fulneck Church Committee, have their ashes scattered within Fulneck Burial Ground, but may not have a headstone.

The position of a new grave or new cremation plot shall be in the next vacant space in accordance to the register of burials. A plan of the Burial Ground will be kept and numbered to correspond with the numbers in the Register of Burials.

Burial plots and cremation plots shall be limited to two persons per plot, however, up to two interment plots for ashes may be added to an existing grave plot.

All grave and cremation plots are to have a headstone which must lay flat on the ground and be of York stone to an approved size (24"x24"x4"). All replacement stones must also be of York stone and of the approved size (regardless of the material or size that the original headstone was prepared in).

Inscriptions shall be confined to the full name, date of birth and date of death, or, the full name, date of birth and age at death. In either case the number on the Register of Burials shall also be inscribed on the bottom right-hand side of the stone. No other inscription shall be allowed. Each headstone may have up to two sets of inscriptions. All headstones shall be procured through the Burial Ground Steward.

No grave or cremation plot shall be in the freehold or private ownership of any individual(s).

Other than the headstone itself, all grave and cremation plots shall be grassed over. Memorial trees, shrubs, plants or flower beds of any description are not permitted and shall not be laid or planted. Only spring bulb type flowers may be planted and shall be mown over with the grass after flowering.

Flowers left within the Burial ground may be left on the headstone or in a vessel next to the headstone. All vessels for flowers shall be made of plastic and set into the ground so that no part of the vessel is raised above ground level. Vessels made of other materials are not permitted under any circumstances. No other adornment, plaque or memorial is permitted within the Burial Ground. Any vessel or adornment (other than the plastic containers specified) will be removed.

Floral displays must be of cut fresh flowers or arrangements/wreaths of cut fresh flowers only. Silk and/or other artificial flowers or other adornment are not permitted under any circumstances. Artificial flowers will be removed immediately by the Burial Ground Steward upon sight.

Those leaving cut flowers and/or cut flower displays are requested to remove them after the flowers have finished blooming. Flowers and/or cut flower arrangements will be removed by the Burial Ground Steward after they have finished blooming if not removed already by those leaving the flowers

All members and non-members using the facilities of the Burial Ground are earnestly requested to assist wherever possible to maintain the simplicity and uniformity which is characteristic of all Moravian Burial Grounds. Visitors are welcome during daylight hours but no later than 9pm in the summer months. Please be respectful, stick to the paths, and take care especially in the wet.