

**Shipton-under-Wychwood Parish Burial Ground**  
**Scale of Charges**

Fees for the purchase of interments and memorials.  
Commencing 1 February 2020

**1. Interment Fees (excluding all charges for labour)**

For the interment of the body of:

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| (i) a stillborn child or person whose age at the time of death did not exceed 16 years | £ 0.00  |
| (ii) a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 16 years                         | £341.00 |

**2. Gravestones, Tablets and Monumental Inscriptions**

For the right to erect or place:

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| (i) a small cross of wood                            | £44.00  |
| (ii) any other monument*                             | £140.00 |
| (iii) any inscription after the first on a headstone | £27.00  |

\*'Monument' includes headstone, cross, vase, plaque, marker, flatstone, tombstone or monument of any other kind

**All fees will be doubled for non-residents** of the Parish of Shipton-under-Wychwood when permission has been obtained from the PC for their burial in the Burial Ground.

All cheques for payment to be made out to: -  
Wychwood Benefice and sent to: -  
The Benefice Administrator  
The Benefice Centre  
Church Road  
Milton-under-Wychwood, OX7 6LJ  
[office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Regulations for the use and maintenance of**

**Shipton-u-Wychwood Parish Burial Ground**  
**Church Lane, Shipton-u-Wychwood**

## Rights of Burial

The right of burial in the Burial Ground is held by anyone whilst domiciled within the civil parish of Shipton-under-Wychwood or who was normally domiciled in the parish at the time of their death wherever that death occurred. Those who are domiciled outside the civil parish of Shipton-under-Wychwood do not have the right of burial in the burial ground. The PC will occasionally allow those who do not have a right of burial to be buried in the burial ground. The PC will treat each application for burial of a non-parishioner on its merits and a **recent strong** connection with the parish will be expected.

Application for burial should be made through Funeral Directors who will liaise directly with the PCC who act on behalf of Shipton-u-Wychwood PC.

The site of a particular grave is decided absolutely by the Parish Council. Burials can be arranged in unconsecrated ground if this is so desired.

Cremated remains may be interred in a full grave space on payment of the full fee for burial provided that a second full burial will take place in the plot when the time comes. There is space for the interment of cremated remains within the Churchyard of St Mary's. Graves may be dug to double depth. The full interment fee is payable for a second burial in the same grave space.

## Memorials (Headstones, Crosses, Tablets, Vases)

Permission and approval must be obtained for the introduction of any memorial. This must be sought from the PCC who reserve the right not to allow the erection of memorials which do not meet with the PC's approval in design, materials or inscription. Memorials erected without the permission of the PCC may be removed.

A minimum period of six months should normally elapse between interment and the erection of a memorial. The dimensions of a headstone shall not exceed 1200mm (4ft) high measured from the surface of the ground, 900mm (3ft) wide and 150mm (6in) thick. They shall be no less than 75mm (3in) thick. Flat tablets shall not exceed 450mm in any horizontal dimension.

A headstone may stand on a stone base, provided that it is an integral part of the design. Due regard should be paid to the nature of the ground and the problems of settlement. Headstones should be long enough to be inserted into the ground at sufficient depth to ensure stability, or else supported by a concrete shoe. Tablets should be let into the ground with the tablet upper surface flush with the ground surface for over mowing.

A monument or ledger stone is not permitted if it is black, blue, red or green (or appears to be any of those colours) or is otherwise brightly coloured, is made of marble, synthetic stone or plastic, or is painted.

It is preferred that local natural stones used in traditional building in the area be used.

Designs are to be simple and tasteful. Up to two vases may be incorporated into the base of the stone. Kerbstones or any other means of marking the grave are not permitted.

Epitaphs must be simple and reverent. They should use proper names and avoid the use of slang. The PCC must approve each epitaph and may consult with the ecclesiastical authorities if the memorial is to be erected in consecrated ground. Inscriptions should be incised, or in relief, and may be painted in black. Plastic, leaded or coloured lettering (e.g. gold) is not permitted. Additional inscriptions to existing memorials may be made at a later date and any alteration must be approved. No trademark or advertisement may be inscribed on headstones. The mason's name may be inscribed on the side or the reverse in unleaded letters no larger than 13mm (0.5in).

All memorials shall be sited in line with others in the same section and row, with the top edge of tablets in line with the backs of headstones.

## Maintenance

It is emphasised that the burial ground is a lawned burial ground and the **planting of bulbs, flowers, shrubs, trees etc. is not permitted.**

Memorials remain the property of the person or persons responsible for their erection, who are also responsible for their maintenance. The PC reserves the right to make good any memorials not so maintained and to make a charge for so doing.

Cut flowers, wreaths etc. may be laid on any grave for a maximum of six months after the burial, but must be removed when they become withered. Flowers may subsequently be placed in a vase when the vase is incorporated into the design of the headstone. The grass covering the grave may not be disturbed or dug over. Artificial flowers are not permitted.

The PC reserves the right to make good any graves which are disturbed in contravention of these regulations and to make a charge for so doing, and it reserves the right to remove unsightly flowers.

## General

Dogs are not allowed in the burial ground unless on a lead.

The riding of bicycles is not allowed in the burial ground.

All surplus soil from the digging of graves shall be removed from the site.

*PC: Parish Council*

*PCC: Parochial Church Council*