# **Shipton-under-Wychwood Parish Burial Ground**

# **Scale of Charges**

Fees for the purchase of interments and memorials

Updated May 2023, in line with CofE Parochial Fees 2023

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

For the interment of the body of:

i, A stillborn child or person whose age at the time

of death did not exceed 16 years No charge

ii, A person whose age at the time of death

exceeded 16 years £332.00

iii, Interment of ashes in ashes sized plot £135.00

**Gravestones, Tablets and Monumental Inscriptions**

For the rightto erect or place:

i, A small cross of wood £52.00

ii, Cremation memorial £84.00

iii, Any other monument £158.00

iv, Any inscription after the first on a headstone £33.00

v, Replacement memorial of same type No charge

**For non-residents** of the Parish, permission must be obtained from the Parish Council for their burial in the Burial Ground. Fees will be doubled.

**Payment**

Cheques to be made out to Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council

Please send to:

Clerk to the Parish Council

New Beaconsfield Hall, Station Road, Shipton under Wychwood OX7 6BQ

BACS details available on request

Tel. 07890 433928 email: [clerk@shiptonunderwychwood.org](mailto:clerk@shiptonunderwychwood.org)

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Rules and Regulations governing the use of**

**Shipton-u-Wychwood Parish Burial Ground**

**Church Lane, Shipton-u-Wychwood**

In accordance with the Local Authorities’ Cemeteries (Amendment) Order 1986 No 1782

Updated July 2023

**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 and 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.

Space has been set aside for the interment of ashes in the burial ground. The fee for a burial of cremated remains in an ashes-sized plot, follows the Church of England Parochial Fees guidelines. These can be double depth, but the full (ashes) interment fee is payable for a second interment in the same ashes plot.

Cremated remains may be interred in a full grave space on payment of the full fee for burial of a body provided that a second full burial will take place in the plot when the time comes.

Full sized burial plots may be dug to double depth. The full interment fee is payable for a second full 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 PC 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 PC may be removed. A minimum period of 6 months should normally elapse between interment and the erection of a memorial (1 month for ashes).

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. A headstone may stand on a stone base, provided that it is an integral part of the design. 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.

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.

Ashes tablets shall not exceed 450mm in any horizontal dimension. They can be wedge shaped and slightly proud of the ground, but please appreciate that mowing around them will be more difficult than if flush.

It is preferred that local natural stones, used in traditional building in the area, be used, although granite is acceptable. Memorials are not permitted if black or coloured, made of marble, synthetic stone or plastic, or painted.

Epitaphs must be simple and reverent. They should use proper names and avoid the use of slang. The PC 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 or gold. Plastic, leaded, or coloured lettering 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.

**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*