

MANSFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL CEMETERIES

KEY RULES FOR NEXT-OF-KIN AND THOSE TENDING AND VISITING GRAVES



MUSLIM GRAVES

The Muslim section of the Mansfield Woodhouse Cemetery was created following discussion with and guidance from the Mansfield and Ashfield Bangladeshi Association.

As a result of those discussions it was agreed that services would only take place Monday – Friday and Saturday if pre-booked (no services on bank holidays or Sundays). Services would need to be booked prior to noon to allow

for the deployment of staff Monday – Friday and no later than 4pm on a Friday to allow for burial on a Saturday. (We are aware that some members of the wider community may wish for burial outside of these hours, and these facilities can be found at Derby, Nottingham, Leicester and Birmingham).

Services, the digging/preparation of the grave and maintenance of the site would be under the sole control of the Mansfield District Council and no outside bodies would be permitted to dig/prepare the grave.

Summary of Regulations

Whilst wishing to meet the individual wishes of bereaved families, there is a need to ensure that the cemeteries are managed for the benefit of all and to preserve their attractiveness for visitors.

Accordingly you are respectfully asked to note and adhere to the following which are applicable to the lawn grave area you have chosen:-

- Council permission must be obtained prior to the placing of any memorial.
- The Council will undertake to turf or seed the grave as soon as it is practically possible to do so following an interment. However, in accordance with Muslim tradition the grave will be left slightly mounded for a period of time.
- The only permitted permanent memorials on a grave will be a headstone or a vase, both of which must be of natural stone. Any personal mementoes must be kept to the area reserved for the headstone.
- The fixing of flat stones or kerbstones will not be permitted nor closing borders of any description. No trenches or means of marking the boundary of a grave are permitted on the lawn, cremated remains or children's section.
- No trees or shrubs shall be permitted on or near the graves as these will undermine any permanent memorial; cut flowers only shall be permitted.
- All memorials, trees and shrubs not complying with the foregoing conditions shall be removed by the cemetery staff.
- Nothing is to stand on the grass in front of the area reserved for a base of a memorial as this will create a trip hazard for others visiting the cemetery.
- All graves in this area will be mown on a regular basis by machine and twice a year weedkiller will be used to reduce growth at the base of the rafted area.
- Vehicles shall not be driven at a speed of more than 10MPH anywhere in the cemetery. Vehicles should be parked in the designated areas to avoid obstruction of the carriageways.

- At times it will be necessary to carry out work on the adjacent grave e.g. for burial purposes – whilst every care will be taken to ensure as little disruption to yourselves as possible, your loved ones grave will be covered with boards and the grass may be flattened as a result. Obviously due to time constraints it is impossible for us to contact families in advance and therefore we apologise for any distress this may cause. The area will be returned to normal as soon as possible.
- Information concerning the cemeteries can be obtained from:-

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