

St Pierre du Bois Cemeteries – information sheet

The St Pierre du Bois Cemeteries Committee maintains the parish church graveyard and the newer cemeteries at de Beauvoir (immediately West of the church) and La Croix (on the Route des Paysans). We look after the cemeteries on behalf of the parish, and the majority of the maintenance costs are borne by the parish ratepayers.

If you are using a funeral director they will be familiar with the requirements applicable to the cemeteries. In common with other cemeteries, some restrictions are imposed by law for safety reasons. Others are decided by the committee to make the cemeteries attractive and respectful places where families and friends can remember their loved ones, no grave or memorial dominates or detracts from others, and which can be maintained at a reasonable cost.

For those reasons some of the key restrictions which currently apply are:

- For graves, maximum headstone height is 1.10m, and plinths should not extend more than 26cm in front of a headstone. Graves are not to be surrounded with kerbstones or covered other than in grass.
- Plaques on the memorial walls should be black marble or blue, red or dark green granite. Nothing should be attached to the plaques other than, if you wish, a small vase which does not encroach on other plaques.
- The Records Officer's prior approval should be sought before committing to any non-traditional memorial designs or wording. Photographs or other images up to 10cm diameter may be used with the Committee's prior agreement.
- Trees, shrubs and ornaments are not allowed on graves or adjacent to memorial walls.
- You are welcome to place fresh flowers or wreaths on graves at any time but please remove dead flowers into the bins provided. Please remove any seasonal decorations within four weeks.
- You are responsible for upkeep of the plot and any memorial on it. Most plots are well maintained but if we become concerned about any neglected plot or unsafe structure we will try to contact you before we take any action. However this may not always be possible, for example if the contact details provided to the Records Officer are no longer current.

We hope you will understand why some restrictions apply for the benefit of users and visitors to the cemeteries. If you have any questions, please raise them with your funeral director in the first instance, and if necessary they can put you in touch with a committee member. It is not necessary to reply to this information sheet but you should only proceed with arrangements to use one of the cemeteries if you accept these points.

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