

CHRIST CHURCH WILLASTON GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS

The 'Caring for God's Acre' Initiative



Headstones are permitted for the larger coffin burial graves, but gravestones and other features or embellishments are **NOT PERMITTED** on or around a grave as they prevent us from carrying out our normal maintenance and mowing.

A small, **305 x 305 x 50** (12" x 12" x 2") sunken natural **YORK STONE** flag memorial with plain incised or incised and black lettering is permitted to be laid flat on smaller ash interment graves provided that its surface shall not be above ground level as this prevents us from carrying out normal maintenance and mowing. No other embellishments are permitted.

The surface of a larger coffin burial grave must be **LEVELLED** and any mound or projection above graveyard ground level removed from the graveyard within six months of the burial having taken place. A grave surface should then be **TURFED** or **GRASS SEEDED** for mowing. Other materials or features on the surface of a grave are **NOT PERMITTED** and will be removed. snowdrop, daffodil, bluebell and crocus bulbs may be planted in the soil of a larger coffin burial grave but **NOT TREES, SHRUBS or other PLANTS**. The flowers will be kept for as long as reasonably possible and then the graves will be mown in the ordinary course of churchyard maintenance.

Wreaths and floral tributes of living cut flowers may be laid upon a grave or on a small memorial stone, but they will be removed when necessary to allow mowing. Please do not place on a grave any type of **ARTIFICIAL** flowers as they are **NOT PERMITTED** and will be removed. Our gardeners or volunteers **WILL REMOVE** wreaths, cut flowers etc., when they appear to be withering or dead. They will also remove and dispose of artificial flowers, decorations, features and any other items or embellishments that are not permitted.

Soil dug from a new or existing grave and small memorial stones removed prior to a further burial in a grave must not be placed on other graves or on pathways or in a manner which obstructs access to another grave.

Cremated remains must **NOT** be scattered on the surface of the ground but must be interred into the earth, preferably **WITHOUT** a **CASK** or **CONTAINER**. Arrangements for interment must always only be made after prior consultation with the minister.

Some graveyard areas are temporarily designated as 'wild' for flora and fauna.