

MEMORIALS
RULES AND REGULATIONS IN RESPECT OF
MELCOMBE REGIS, WEYMOUTH AND WYKE REGIS CEMETERIES

1. No person shall be permitted to carry out works of erecting, repairing, altering or adding to memorials within the cemeteries until such a time that ground conditions permit and have been approved by the Council. All memorials must be founded on consolidated ground. As soon as possible after interment, the Council will erect a grave marker identifying each grave.
2. The design of memorials, including the type and quality of materials used, shall be subject to approval of the Senior Bereavement Services Officer. Permanent or temporary wooden memorials will not be permitted. No pots, ornaments or planting will be allowed to be placed in front of a memorial in the cremated remains sections of the cemeteries.
3. No kerbing, rails or fencing constructed of metal, plastic wood or any manmade material will be permitted to be erected within the cemeteries and no gravel, shingle or similar material shall be placed on or around the memorial, unless within a kerbed grave.
4. At Melcombe Regis, Weymouth and Wyke Regis Cemeteries, Non Cremated Remains Sections, memorials shall not exceed 915mm (3ft) in Width, 1220mm (4ft) in Height and 610mm (2ft) from front to back. Kerbs shall not exceed 915mm (3ft) in Width, 2135mm (7ft) in Length and 150mm (6") in Height.
5. At Melcombe Regis, Weymouth and Wyke Regis Cemeteries (Cremated Remains Sections) memorials shall not exceed 610mm (2ft) in Width, 760mm (2ft 6") in Height and 305mm (1ft) front to back, no kerbs shall be allowed, except at Portland Cemetery where the kerb must not exceed 1220mm (4ft) in Length and 610mm (2ft) in width.
6. At Weymouth Cemetery Infant and Babies Section, memorials must be of natural stone and conform to a uniform design as follows: 255mm (10") Wide, 255mm (10") Deep, 100mm (4") High at the end of the tablet for a depth of 100mm (4"), then tapering to 25mm (1") at the Foot. Within the head area of the tablet a vase may be inset. This must be placed on a matching base which must measure 350mm (12") x 350mm (12") x 25mm (1"). A Detailed plan may be obtained from Bereavement Services.
Stillborn and infant Sections – all memorials must be of natural stone. The maximum size permitted is 455mm (1ft 6") High including the base, 405mm (1ft 4") Wide and 255mm (10") Deep.

No other vase, receptacle, or other items including plants, may be placed in or around the memorial. Any unauthorised items may be removed.

7. *No memorials when erected shall be removed from the cemeteries except by or with permission of the Council. Prior to any such removal a written permit shall be forwarded to the Senior Bereavement Services Officer. *(except for the purpose of reopening a grave).

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8. No Memorial, Vase, other object or any planted material shall be erected or placed upon any grave in respect of which an Exclusive Right of Burial and Rights to Erect and Maintain a Memorial has not been purchased unless the Council has granted such a right.
9. A memorial (including all foundations) taken down and removed for the purpose of reopening the grave shall be immediately removed from the cemetery until such time as the memorial is replaced.
10. No memorial of any description will be admitted into the cemeteries or permitted to be erected except on conditions that such memorial be so erected and remain at the owner's sole risk and that the council shall not be held responsible for any damage or breakage which may occur to the same.
11. The owner or owners of memorials shall keep all memorials in a good state of repair and condition.
12. All memorials must be erected in accordance with the National Association of Monumental Masons (NAMM) Recommended Code of Working Practice.

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