



# Application to Purchase Garden Burial Plot

**NOTE: BEFORE APPLYING TO PURCHASE RIGHTS YOU ARE ADVISED TO READ THE BURIAL REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL**

**Resident:**

**Non Resident:**

Reservation Only:

For Immediate Use:

## Applicant's Information

Name:

*Mr*

*Mrs*

*Miss*

*Ms*

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

***If required for Immediate Use, please complete the following:***

Name of Deceased:

Date of Burial:

Are you the nearest surviving relative or executor?    **YES**                      **NO**

What is your relationship to the person last buried in the grave?

**Details of Garden Burial Plot**

**Number:**

**If you wish to bury in a casket, this has to be purchased from your funeral director.**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Rec No:	Rec Date:	Issued by:	Fee paid	Folio Ref:	Grant No:
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## Burial Regulations:

1. All graves provided in the Cemeteries since April 1st 1971 will be turfed flat and mown by the Council and a continuous soil border will be provided and planted at the head of each row of graves.  
Note: Schedule 3 to LACO contains provisions relating to the removal of memorials and levelling etc.
2. A memorial which may be either:
  - (a) a headstone (without kerbs) not exceeding 900mm (3') in height, 600mm (2') in width and 100mm (4") in thickness; or
  - (b) a flower vase not exceeding 150mm (6") in height.Shall be of natural quarried stone only and shall be erected upon concrete plinths which shall not exceed 600mm (2') in length, 300mm (1') in width and 150mm (6") in thickness, and inscribed with the grave number and section in letters not exceeding 15mm high on the side of the memorial. No other type of memorial will be permitted.  
**Headstones must be erected using an approved, recognised system of fixing, ie: National Association of Monumental Masons ground fixing system, traditional shoe foundation or the burial of 1/3rd of the memorial into the earth.**
3. A headstone or vase may only be placed at the head of a purchased grave subject to these Regulations.
4. Before any headstone or vase is placed in a Cemetery a drawing thereof showing the dimensions, type of stone and finish, **system of fixing** and the inscription to be placed thereon shall be delivered to the Registrar at Norse Road Cemetery Office for approval, and the prescribed fee paid.
5. A headstone or vase referred to in the preceding regulations may be placed only in the soil border provided. Where no such border is provided, it shall be placed in such position at the head of the grave as shall be approved in writing by the Registrar.
6. The Council will provide and fix at its expense a temporary marker in the form of a wooden cross or single wooden post at the head of the grave as soon as practicable after the interment.
7. Nothing other than a temporary marker provided by the Council, an approved headstone or vase shall be placed in the Cemetery without permission or in other than the prescribed place. The Council will remove any unauthorised memorial or tombstone in accordance with Article 14 of LACO.
8. The Council will not be responsible for any damage to monuments, gravestones and other structures other than damage occasioned by the negligence of its officers, agents, servants or workmen.
9. All monuments, gravestones, or other structures and places of burial must be kept in repair by the owner.
10. The Council may require the owner of any monument, gravestone or other structure, which in their opinion has become unsafe, to remove it. If the owner fails to comply with any such requirement within 14 days or if in the opinion of the Registrar the removal should be effected immediately then the Council may carry out the work without incurring any liability for any damage arising and the costs thereof shall be recoverable from the owner as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.

## Declaration

**I have read and understand my obligations under the Burial Regulations.**

Signature of Registered Owner of Grave:

Date:



Please save the filled-in form and email to [gardensofrest@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:gardensofrest@bedford.gov.uk) as an attachment.