

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Burial Authority

Burial Ground Abridged Regulations

1. Persons residing in the parish of Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes will be charged at the current rate. Those persons residing outside the parish will be pathways or other tombstones will be liable charged at double the rate.
2. A copy of the Disposal Certificate from the Registrar of Deaths or the Coroner must be produced.
3. The first interment will be at a minimum of 1.83 metres in depth per burial space.
4. The permitted times of burial will be Monday to Friday inclusive 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday. No Sundays, Good Friday or Christmas Day.
5. Persons wishing to purchase advanced exclusive rights of Burial in a grave space may do so within the current area in use and with the approval of the Burial Authority. On the purchase of the Exclusive Right of Burial, a Deed of Grant shall be issued and shall be registered in the records held by the Burial Authority for a period of 99 years.
6. Only coffins of approved materials may be used i.e. wood, wicker, cardboard or other light natural materials shall be used in earth graves.
7. The Clerk of the Burial Authority will keep the register of Burials.
8. In the carrying out of any work, mats, boards and canvass are to be used, to preserve the grass and footways.
9. No planting of flowers, shrubs, herbs or trees on grave spaces.
10. No tombstone or other memorial may be erected without the permission of the Burial Authority.
11. A copy of any inscription and drawings showing the materials and dimensions must be submitted to the Burial Authority for approval.
12. The maximum dimensions permitted for all memorials will be 900mm high, 600mm wide and 150mm thick and the minimum 760mm high, 500mm wide and 75mm thick. Alternatively, a cross or symbol of faith of similar dimensions or a natural stone vase or urn measuring no more than 300mm x 200mm x 200mm.
13. No monument should include kerbs, gravel, railings, figured statuary, pictorial etchings or photographs; toys or other memorabilia.
14. Persons erecting, moving or fixing tombstones or memorials, shall remove all spare materials e.g. soil, fixing materials etc. using such means as the Burial Authority may direct.
15. Persons erecting, moving or fixing tombstones or memorials who cause damage to grass, trees, pathways or other tombstones will be liable for the damage caused.
16. Every tombstone or memorial shall be fixed in the position indicated by the Burial Authority and shall be kept in repair by the owner of the Right of Burial.
17. If in the opinion of the Burial Authority a tombstone or memorial is not being maintained or kept in proper order, then the Burial Authority may reserve it after giving due notice.
18. No person shall remove or take articles from the Burial Ground without the permission of the Burial Authority.
19. Any order or instructions given by telephone will be at the risk of the person giving the orders or instructions. Any such orders or instructions must be immediately confirmed in writing to the Burial Authority.
20. The Burial Authority will not be held responsible for any loss, theft, injury or accident to persons or property within the Burial Ground.
21. Where the Burial Authority is entitled to serve notice under these regulations, but are unable, after reasonable inquiry, to trace the person entitled to receive such notice, they may instead display a notice in a conspicuous position in the Burial Ground and may publish the notice for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers circulating the parish of Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes, and such publication shall be deemed to be sufficient notice.
22. The Burial Authority reserves to itself the right to alter any of the fees or charges from time to time.
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Cremated Remains:

24. Cremated ashes can be interred in the designated section or, if space permits, in an earthen grave. The dimensions of any plaque must not be more than 460mm x 460mm and 50mm deep; or if sloping, the maximum thickness is 100mm sloping to a minimum of 50mm.

These abridged Regulations are taken from Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Burial Authority Regulations, a copy of which can be obtained from the Burial Clerk on request.