

# Maintaining Dignity in Our Cemetery Grounds

Our parish cemetery is a place of peace, reflection, and respect for loved ones who are no longer with us. We're grateful to the families and visitors who help maintain this atmosphere by keeping graves neat and in line with our cemetery guidance.

In recent years, the Parish Council has adopted clear rules for new burials and memorials. These are designed not only to ensure a respectful and uniform appearance, but also to support safe and practical maintenance – particularly mowing and general upkeep.

We appreciate that some older graves were established before these guidelines came into place. However, over time, the placement of items such as solar lights, plastic flowers, fencing, toys, and other decorations has begun to affect the overall appearance of the cemetery

and can create challenges for grounds maintenance.

We are now kindly asking families and visitors to review any graves they tend and remove items that fall outside the current regulations. Our aim is to gradually bring all areas of the cemetery into alignment with the same standards, ensuring a consistent and respectful space for everyone.

If you are unsure whether a grave you visit complies with the current rules, please contact the Parish Clerk for guidance. We are happy to work with you to find a solution that respects both the memory of loved ones and the shared nature of this special space.

Thank you for helping us maintain the dignity and tranquillity of our cemetery.