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## Cemetery Schedule of Fees and Payments – April 2024

FEES AND PAYMENTS are settled under Section 34 of the Burial Act by Okehampton Town Council, effective on and from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Cheques are to be made payable to Okehampton Town Council.

1. INTERMENTS	Resident	Non-Resident
a. For interment of a coffin in an earthen plot, at single or double depth	£200.00	£400.00
b. For interment of a coffin in an earthen plot, at single or double depth, for a person whose age at time of death did not exceed 18 years	No charge	£50.00
c. For interment of cremated human remains in a burial plot If cremated remains are interred into a full grave space, no further coffin burials can <b>ever</b> take place within that plot	£120.00	£300.00
d. For interment of cremated human remains in a cremation plot	£100	£200
e. Scattering of ashes in the Garden of Remembrance	£40	£80

The fees cover Okehampton Town Council's administration and associated costs. They do not include any excavation work which should be arranged and paid for through the undertaker, or service fees.

2. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES	Resident	Non-Resident
a. Purchase of single plot (up to two burials deep)	£500.00	£1,225.00
b. Purchase of a single plot (up to two burials deep) for a person whose age at time of death did not exceed 18 years	£0.00	£50.00
c. Purchase of a plot for person who age at the time of death did not exceed 12 months	£0.00	£50.00
d. Purchase of a cremation plot (up to two cremations deep)	£200.00	£400.00
e. Extension of Grant for a further 10 years	£170.00	£808.00
f. Assignment to second party	£75.00	£188.00

- The purchase of a plot means that you purchase the exclusive right of burial of a grave but do not actually buy the land that the grave occupies. Purchase means that no burials can take place in that plot without your permission and it gives you the right to purchase a permit to place a memorial on the grave. You may purchase a grave in Okehampton Cemetery for a period of 30 years. At the end of the lease the rights to the grave will revert to the Council, and any memorial on the grave may be removed. Leases may be extended during their lifetime but can only be extended back to the original 30 years. The fee shall be applicable to the residency applying at the time the extension is applied for, not the residency at the time of the original application.
- In the case of the person being under the age of 18 years at the time of death, as at b. and c., the full fee for an extension of the grant applies.
- A grave can be purchased for the reservation of future burials
- Fees include the charge for the Certificate of Grant.
- The Council cannot guarantee the suitability of a plot to be used for multiple interments.

<b>3. MEMORIAL STONES AND INSCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
a. Memorial Stone or Scroll Book (not exceeding 0.91m high x 0.61m wide (3ft x 2ft))	£140.00	£350.00
b. Tablet (not exceeding 0.48m x 0.48m (1½ ft x 1½ ft))	£60.00	£150.00
c. Removal of memorial stone for the reopening of a grave or addition of a subscription	£0.00	£0.00
d. Plaque for Garden of Remembrance (provided by Okehampton Town Council)	£30	£60
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fees include the first and subsequent inscriptions which are to be arranged by the purchaser</li> <li>• Memorial stones and scrolls are not permitted to be placed on cremation plots.</li> <li>• Memorial stones on a child's plot must not exceed 0.61m high x 0.48m wide (2ft x 1½ ft)</li> <li>• Tablets must lie flush with the grass</li> <li>• In order to apply for a permit to place a memorial on a grave, exclusive right of burial must have been purchased</li> <li>• Permission must be sought from the Council for removal of the memorial stone for any purpose</li> </ul>		

<b>4. OTHER CHARGES</b>	
a. Search Fees (for burials within Okehampton Town Council's Cemetery only)	£15.00
Records prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 are provided from information recorded in the Burial Register by Northmoor Team Ministry who were responsible for the burials prior to that date.	

<b>5. DEFINITIONS AND NOTES</b>
a. A Resident is someone who pays their council tax in the civil parish of Okehampton Town (not necessarily those who have an Okehampton postcode) unless they have moved to a Residential/Nursing Home indefinitely from an Okehampton Town address, in that case that they are a parishioner until death. Proof of previous address may be requested.
b. Coffins made from biodegradable materials only are accepted. Non-standard coffins may incur an additional fee.
c. Provision of a scattering lawn is being progressed, the fees and charges within this schedule will be applicable once the facility is available for use.

<b>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:</b>
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