

## **London Borough of Harrow**

### **Extract of Cemetery Rules For traditional and Greek Orthodox Section Graves**

#### **32.1 Permission for Monuments and Memorials**

Monuments or memorials shall not be erected or placed, nor shall any enclosure be made over any earthen grave space in which the exclusive right of burial has not been purchased, without the consent of the Council in writing signed by the Chief Officer acting through the Cemetery Superintendent.

A design may be carved or etched on the reverse of a memorial, subject to its suitability, and the Council will reserve the right to determine what is suitable. Also subject to approval a verse may be inscribed on the reverse of a memorial providing that it in no way relates to the name of a deceased person or the date of death or interment.

#### **32.2 Rules Concerning Traditional and Greek Orthodox Sections**

- (a) Before any memorial may be erected, or any inscription added, or renovation additions or alterations, or any other work carried out to an existing memorial, an application must be submitted for approval on the appropriate form supplied by the Council and must be accompanied by the written authority of the owner.
- (b) In the case of the erection of a new memorial an application must be accompanied by a drawing of the proposed memorial giving detailed dimensions and specifying material to be used. In the case of a vault or earthen grave space in which the exclusive right of burial has been purchased, such applications must be signed by the registered owner, or a letter of indemnity signed in a prescribed form, where the registered owner is deceased.
- (c) The Council may refuse permission for any memorial (of any type) or inscription, which does not meet with its approval.
- (d) No work on memorials may be carried out at the cemetery until the Chief Officer has issued a permit. Such permit will not be issued until all appropriate fees as indicated on the application form have been paid.
- (e) The plot and grave number must be inscribed on the back of the memorial in the centre and 150mm (6 ins) from the top, or at such other position as indicated by the Chief Officer.

#### **32.3 Dimensions and Construction of Traditional Memorials**

These rules apply only to private graves and those where full memorials are permitted. The rules for headstones and plaques in lawn sections are shown in the respective sections of the rules.

- (a) The area enclosed by kerbing on a single grave space shall not be more than 1950mm by 750mm (6'6" x 2'6") and upon a double grave space 1950mm by 1950mm (6'6" x 6'6").
- (b) All flat stones, landings or bearers shall be of hard York stone or reinforced concrete and rubbed on the exposed surfaces and shall not be less than 100mm (4") in thickness and shall be fixed at least 25mm (1") below level of ground at the shallowest angle, and cut when required.

- (c) Kerbs upon landings shall be not less than 75mm (3") wide and 150mm (6") deep on any single grave space, of 100mm (4") wide and 150mm (6") deep on larger grave spaces, and shall be in one piece either for sides or ends of grave spaces; each piece of kerb shall have at least two non-ferrous dowels cemented into the landing.
- (d) Headstones shall not exceed 1050mm (3'6") from the surface of the ground and shall be securely fixed to stone landings or bearers to the satisfaction of the Chief Officer or other duly authorised officer of the Council.
- (e) Memorial crosses on plinths shall not exceed 1200mm (4'0") in height from the surface of the ground on single grave spaces, and shall be fixed on stone landings or bearers. Such monuments or memorials shall be fixed on a solid stone base resting on the landing between kerbs. Crosses shall be in one piece.
- (f) Cramps used in construction of monuments or memorials shall be of copper or brass.
- (g) Materials used in the construction of memorials shall be to the approval of the Chief Officer. Soft stone, wood, concrete, metal or artificial stone will not be permitted.
- (h) The erection of kerbs and/or posts only on any vault or earthen grave space in a select position in the cemetery, shall not be permitted without landings, and any monument or memorial erected on any such vault or earthen grave space shall be constructed only of approved materials.
- (i) Where kerbs enclose a vault or earthen grave space, the space between the kerbs shall be filled in with mould at the time the vault or earthen grave space is enclosed. If the kerbs are fixed to a landing covering the whole vault or earthen grave space, chips may be used, but earth or bricks if without concrete foundation under the chips shall not be permitted.
- (j) Chips may only be used between kerbs where the kerbs are fixed to a landing covering the whole vault or earthen grave space.

### **33. Planting Of Full Size Grave Spaces**

- (a) After each interment in any earthen grave space in which the exclusive right of burial has been purchased, the surface of the grave space shall be laid to grass if, within one year of the interment either a memorial has not been erected on the grave or the Chief Officer has not received an application to erect such a memorial.
- (b) The registered owner of the exclusive right of burial in any vault or earthen grave space may plant only annual bedding plants, bulbs, rose bushes or similar species on such vault or grave space. Shrubs, conifers and other ornaments shall not be permitted. The Council may at any time trim, cut or entirely remove the same if they think it necessary or expedient so to do.
- (c) The Council does not undertake to plant grave spaces.