

SHAWBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH BURIAL GROUND

In the interests of the better management of the burial ground, the Parish Council wishes to draw to the attention of relatives the following regulations.

1. Headstones are permitted upon the payment of the appropriate fee to the Parish Council and arrangements for this should be made with the Vicar at St. Mary's Church. The only inscriptions allowed on headstones are those that are deemed acceptable to the Parish Council.
2. All plots will be levelled and the undertaker will be required to ensure that the ground is left in this state after the interment and that any excess spoil is removed from the site.
3. An area of land is reserved in the burial ground for those who do not wish to have a Christian burial.
4. An area of land has been reserved for the burial of cremated ashes and these graves may only be identified by a plaque which should be laid flat on the site. These plaques should be in green or blue slate or black granite and measure 40cms. wide x 30cms. depth. If a full headstone is required, the cremated ashes will need to be situated amongst the graves with the appropriate fee being paid.
5. In order to have the grass cut and the burial ground area kept in good condition. The Parish Council requires that:
 - (a) All graves are kept level and no kerbs are placed round the grave.
 - (b) Gravel or similar material is not placed on the grave and no figures or ornaments are used.
 - (c) No plants, shrubs or trees are planted on the site.
6. Flower containers must be set into the base of the headstone if one is erected.

The Parish Council will:

- (a) Have the grass cut and keep the area maintained.
- (b) Provide collecting areas where dead flowers can be left by those tending the graves.
- (c) Authorise a Parish Council representative to remove wreaths and dead flowers from graves after a reasonable time.

Chairman
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Council Clerk

