

Rules and Regulations of The Garden of Remembrance

The Burial Ground in Church Road, Sutton-at-Hone is owned and maintained by this council and as such, all costs incurred for this are paid for out of the parish council tax.

The Garden of Remembrance is a site of consecrated land, designated for the interments of human ashes. It is intended for the burial of ashes of residents of the parish of Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley as council tax payers.

Space is limited and each plot is 12" x 12" into which the ashes of two cremations may be laid to rest either individually or at one time. We do not allow the burial of any containers.

Interments can ONLY be sanctioned by this council and you are required to fill in the notice of interment form below.

If address is not within the parish of Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley, please give as much information as possible to support a reason for the deceased to be interred in this burial ground.

There is a set fee for the interment of ashes which includes the administration costs for the council, the initial opening of the plot and subsequent general maintenance around the plot. For current fees, please contact the Parish Clerk.

If the deceased does not live within the parish but adequate reason is given for interment, the fee may be doubled in some cases.

No interment can take place without the submission of the Certificate of Cremation being given to the Parish Clerk. This is very important, the certificate is usually included with the ashes when they are issued from the crematorium. If you cannot find this certificate you must let the Parish Clerk know. Some crematoriums can offer duplicates or copies.

You can organise a member of the clergy to inter the ashes for you, in which case there is usually a charge, details of which you must obtain directly from them. Alternatively

you can arrange to inter the ashes yourself. We can also provide details of a celebrant who will carry out a secular service for you.

Following the interment you have the option to lay a memorial plaque, permission for which must be obtained from this council. This may take the form of a 12" x 12" square slab with the option of a 6" x 6" vase at the head. The materials and any inscription must be approved and this is normally done through a stonemason who will apply for a permit on your behalf. There is an additional fee for this. You must wait at least 6 months before the installation of a memorial. No other memorials are allowed and any extraneous items left at the site may be removed by this council without notice. Please do not add anything else to your plot or around the plot. Any gravel or chippings added outside the plot will be removed. This is so that maintenance and grass cutting can take place to enable us to keep the site as tidy and presentable as possible

All memorial plaques, including headstones and markers, must be installed by a qualified stonemason or an individual certified by the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) or the British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM). This ensures that all installations meet industry safety standards and are securely and appropriately placed. Unauthorised installations are not permitted and may be subject to removal.

By paying for the interment, it is taken that you have read these notes and will abide by them.

Childrens' Funeral Fund of England

Support for child funeral costs (Children's Funeral Fund for England)

The Children's Funeral Fund for England can help to pay for some of the costs of a funeral for a child under 18 or a baby stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy. It is not means-tested: what you earn or how much you have in savings will not affect what you get.

The burial or cremation must take place in England.

What the fund covers

The Children's Funeral Fund for England can help pay for the:

- burial fees
- cremation fees, including the cost of a doctor's certificate
- coffin, shroud or casket (up to a cost of £300)

If you have other funeral expenses, you might be able to apply for [Funeral Expenses Payment](#) to cover them. You or your partner must be getting certain benefits – [check if you're eligible for Funeral Expenses Payment](#).

How claiming works

The fees for the burial or cremation can be claimed directly by the burial or cremation provider – you should not be charged. How to claim for some other expenses (for example, the coffin) depends on if you are using a funeral director or not.

Claims must be made within 6 months of the funeral.

If you are using a funeral director

You do not need to submit any claims yourself.

The burial or cremation provider can claim for the fees of a burial or cremation. The money will be paid directly to them.

Your funeral director can [claim for some other funeral expenses](#) (for example, the coffin). The money will be paid directly to them.

If you are not using a funeral director

The burial or cremation provider can claim for the fees of a burial or cremation. The money will be paid directly to them.