

The Fairmile Cemetery

Things to consider when choosing a plot

When facing burying a family member or considering reserving a plot for yourself, this can be a minefield of information and very confusing. The guide notes below will help you make the right decisions for your loved one.

Choosing a plot

1. Do you want a plot side by side with another family member or together in one plot double depth? If side by side you need to apply for both at the same time to ensure they are together
2. Plots are allocated as the next available in line, and cannot be individually chosen.
3. What section would you like to be buried depends on your religion? The old cemetery is now closed for new plots to be purchased. In the new cemetery, as you enter, the graves on the left-hand side are Church of England on pre-consecrated ground. The graves on the right-hand side are all other religious dominations, and each grave is consecrated individually at the time of burial or not at all, depending on your religious beliefs.
4. What type of plot would you like?
 - Lawn – a headstone memorial only
 - Traditional – a headstone memorial and kerbstones surrounding the plot
 - Ashes – a plaque memorial covering the plot for an ash's interment
 - Green Burial – Memorial or marker
5. There is a sliding scale of charges for those outside of the Henley on Thames civil parish for Henley residents who previously lived in Henley up to 5 years ago.
6. Plots are leased via the Town Hall by purchasing an Exclusive Right of Burial for a 50-year term.

Choosing a burial

1. Do you want the grave to be dug double depth or single depth? If you have it dug double depth, this can accommodate another coffin at a later stage. This has to be decided before the first interment.
2. The maintenance fee is paid per interment and is a one-off payment.
3. Do you require the use of the chapel at the cemetery? If so, this must be booked in advance.
4. Memorials can only be organised from one year after burial, to allow the plot to settle.
5. All current costs for the cemetery are available on the website, with the funeral directors, and on the noticeboards at the cemetery.
6. Please refer to the cemetery rules and regulations attached for all guidelines.

Please do not hesitate calling the Town Hall if you require any further information