EAST CHALLOW PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH CEMETERY REGULATIONS

East Challow Parish Council owns and is responsible for two cemeteries:
Vicarage Hill Cemetery - located at the top of Letcombe Hill adjacent to the Royal British Legion.
The Parish Cemetery - located immediately to the east of St Nicholas Church. Access is from the Park Footpath at the north west corner.

1. Right of interment is exclusive to persons living within the parish of East Challow at the time of death on payment of the fees as set out in the Scale of Fees.
2. Persons who have lived in the parish of East Challow but who have moved out of the parish due to age or infirmity may be buried with the agreement of the Parish Council and on payment of twice the usual fee.
3. The burial ground may be used for the interment of ashes of persons who lived within the parish of East Challow on payment of the fees as set out in the Scale of Fees.
4. Right of interment does not include a right to use St. Nicholas Church for a burial service.
5. The fees do not include digging the grave which should be arranged with a funeral director.
6. The Scale of Fees and a Register of Burials are available on application to the Parish Clerk.
7. Stonemasons must be BRAMM registered.
8. Headstones must not be erected for a minimum of six months after interment to allow for settlement.

In order to help keep the parish cemeteries tidy, we ask that you observe the rules:

9. The headstones should not exceed 2' 6" ins in height. The base should not exceed 2'x1'. No headstone shall exceed 6" in thickness.
10. Headstones or memorials shall be of a natural material.
11. Kerbing around graves is not permitted.
12. The area of the grave should be left flat and turfed and able to be mown within one year of burial.
13. Any flowers should be placed at the head of the grave, preferably on the base of the headstone in order to aid mowing.
14. Once a grave is marked with a headstone, or memorial, then the grave number will be removed.
15. When you tidy the area of the grave, please leave any waste material in the bin.
16. Any planting of flowers must be done in such manner that they do not overhang or encroach upon the grass area outside the perimeter of the grave.
17. The Council will not permit trees or shrubs to be planted on graves.
18. No receptacles other than flower vases specially designed for the purpose or plant pots may be placed on grave spaces.
19. No glass containers are permitted on graves.
20. The Council reserves the right to remove any flowers, wreaths or other articles which have remained on any grave for more than 21 days following an interment.
21. The Council reserves the right to remove any item placed on a grave which it does not consider to be appropriate in a cemetery.
22. No child under the age of 12 shall be permitted in the cemetery without being accompanied by a responsible adult.
23. Dogs shall not be permitted in the cemetery unless held on a lead.
24. It is forbidden to play any game or sport or to disturb any persons in the cemetery.

All memorials, headstones or flower vases shall remain at the sole risk of the owners of the graves, the Council shall not be responsible for any damage or breakage that may occur.
Memorials/headstones shall be inspected at regular intervals, all will be subject to a hand test (wobble test), any that fail this test will be laid down and the family informed.
In the course of the groundsman's duties in tidying untended graves, East Challow Parish Council will not be responsible for any damage or breakage which may occur to memorials, headstones, flower vases or any other item placed on the graves.

*No burials or interment of ashes are permitted in the Parish Cemetery (adjacent to St Nicholas Church) until further notice.

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