

### Introduction

The Town Council has always charged double fees for people wishing to be interred in Love Lane Cemetery who live outside the parish and do not meet the criteria in point 1 of the fees and charges (copy on next page).

In relation to the charging of double fees there is some ambiguity around what charges are subject to double fees. Currently we only charge double for plot purchase (£1240 for out of parish) and not for interment fees or memorial fees.

As this practice of charging double fees has been challenged by funeral directors in the recent past clarification is needed from the committee to identify exactly what charges should be doubled.

For information the table below represents the charging practice for out of parish residents in some of the other towns in the county

	<b>Out of parish cemetery charging policies</b>	<b>Out of parish fees for interment and plot purchase</b>
Much Wenlock	Double fees on plot purchase and interment fees	£2600
Market Drayton	Double fees on everything	£2408
Whitchurch	Double fees on everything except additional inscriptions	£1330
Oswestry	Double fees on everything	£2978
Church Stretton	Double fees on everything	Approx. £1400
Ludlow	Treble fees on everything	£1429

**Recommendation that the Committee clarifies the position on charging double fees for non qualifying out of parish residents.**

## Wem Town Council

### LOVE LANE CEMETERY CHARGES 2022-23

1. The Fees and Payments below apply where the person to be interred was, a resident of Wem Urban Parish or was a resident of Wem Urban Parish immediately prior to entering a hospital, hospice, nursing home or other care arrangement outside of Wem Urban Parish. **The fees for the burial of persons who do not qualify as residents will be doubled.**
2. The Council has declared its intention to maintain the Burial Ground as a LAWN CEMETERY to facilitate maintenance and to keep down costs. For this reason the erection of headstones (not exceeding 3' 6" in height) will be allowed and one small moveable ornamental vase (not exceeding 8" high, 8" deep, 8" wide on a base no larger than 10" square) will also be permitted, but rails, kerbs, slabs, gravel and other adornments will not be allowed. Similarly, after the subsidence period has elapsed no mounding of soil on the graves will be permitted.
3. Persons wishing to erect headstones on graves should first consult the Clerk of the Council regarding the Council's conditions regulating the erection of monuments and the Council's written approval must be obtained before proceeding.

#### SCALE OF FEES

<b>Plot Purchase and Interment Fees</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<b>Children*</b>	
A child under the age of 1 month at death	£20
A child older than 1 month but under the age of 18 at death	
Plot purchase under age of 18	£620
Interment Fee under age of 18	£120
<b>*costs will be recovered from the Children's Funeral Fund</b>	
Purchase of plot for persons exceeding 18 years at death	£620
Interment Fee (for each interment over 18 years of age)	£300
Interment of ashes in existing grave	£170
<b>Memorial Fee for the erection of a Headstone</b>	
To a height not exceeding 3 feet	£300
In excess of 3 feet but not exceeding 3ft 6inches high	£800
Additional Inscription	£30
Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial	£30
<b>Renewal of Exclusive Right of Burial prior to expiration</b>	
For a period not exceeding 25 years from the date of expiration of existing rights	Half plot purchase fee at time of renewal

<b>Grave Digging Charges with effect from 1 June 2021</b>	
Single Burial Excavation	£275
Double Burial Excavation	£290
Cremated Remains Excavation	£50
<b>Additional Costs</b>	
Casket Shapes/Oversized Coffins Surcharge	£30