

Wem Town Council

CEMETERY CHARGES

1. The Fees and Payments below apply where the person to be Interred or in respect of whom the right is granted is, or immediately before their Death was, an Inhabitant or a Parishioner of Wem Town or within the last ten years their last place of private residence was in the Wem Urban parish. *(Suggested rewording to **The Fees and Payments below apply where the person to be Interred or in respect of whom the right is granted is, or immediately before their Death was, an Inhabitant or a Parishioner of Wem Town or was an inhabitant or parishioner of the parish of Wem Town immediately prior to entering a hospital, hospice, nursing home or other care institution outside of the parish of Wem**)*
2. The Funeral Director will always be responsible for arranging the digging of graves (in accordance with national guidelines) and for the payment of the officiating Clergy. No charge for either of these items will appear on Council invoices.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The fees for the burial of persons who do not qualify as residents under paragraph 1 above will be doubled.