

Cremated Remains

Materials:

The stone may be polished or unpolished.

Size and position

Memorial tablets should be placed horizontally in the ground and should be a simple flat tablet no larger than 15" deep by 21" wide. This should ideally be level with the surrounding grassed area, but should not stand more than 1 inch above the level of the ground. It is helpful if the tablet includes a vase base, as there is little room between tablets for the placing of flowers.

Other directions

The same directions concerning Flowers, Images and symbols, wording and ornaments apply to Memorial Tablets for Cremated remains, as apply in the rest of the graveyard.

MEMORIALS

Specific Directions

Dimensions of Memorials:

Upright Headstones

height: 750-1200mm width: 500-900mm thickness: 75-150mm

The memorial may be mounted directly into the ground, or on a plinth. The plinth may include a Vase base, however separate tins, pots, or glass vases should not be used.

Different sizes apply to slate memorials, horizontal stones and children's memorials. Please ask for advice. There are also regulations about the sizes of plinth and vase bases, but all monumental masons are aware of these.

Stone currently allowed:

Limestone: Portland, Purbeck, Derbyshire, York, Hopton, Nabresina, French, Portuguese.

Slate: Light Grey, Blue/black, Green.

Granite: Light Grey or 'Rustenberg' Grey (Charcoal Grey)

Marble is not a stone which is allowed for our churchyards.

All stones must have a totally Matt finish.

Images and symbols

Small carved images or symbols relating to the person's life, work or faith are usually permitted (eg. a tractor for a farmer), however these must be suitable for placing on a memorial in a graveyard. Small painted engravings may also be permissible in colours that blend with the colour of the stone.

Lettering and wording

Full names should be given, although other names (*e.g., Sandy*) can be put in brackets. Lettering should be incised and may be painted in a colour to blend with the stone. Gold lettering is prohibited.

Shapes

Standard memorial shapes are advised.

The following are not allowed under any circumstances:

Photographs or ceramic portraits- permanently fixed or incorporated into the stone.

Kerbs made of wood, metal, stone, plastic, or any other material.

Railings, chains, gravel, marble chippings or glass shades.

“Objects” - Stone, concrete, metal, plaster, or plastic objects such as model people, angels, animals or toys, windmills, butterflies, lights, lanterns or anything designed to emit a sound may not be added to a grave, and if they are added we will respectfully ask you to remove them.

Flowers

Silk flowers are permitted, but not plastic ones. However, it should be remembered that even silk flowers eventually decay and will be removed when significantly faded or discoloured.

The area of the Grave

The area in front of the memorial should be left as a plain grassed area for simplicity of maintenance by the contractors. Bulbs may be planted, but no other plants or shrubs.