



HELLINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

HELLINGLY CEMETERY REGULATIONS 2025/26

1. For the purpose of these regulations all persons living within the Parish of Hellingly and those living within the former Upper Horsebridge Ward of the Parish of Hailsham, shall be termed "inhabitants or parishioners of the Parish of Hellingly".
2. These regulations are to be used in conjunction with the Schedule of Cemetery Fees issued by the Parish Council and with the Notice of Interment in Hellingly Cemetery.
3. Applications for interment in Hellingly Cemetery can only be accepted when the person to be interred
 - a. was for any 5 years during the preceding 10 years, an inhabitant or parishioner of the parish of Hellingly may be buried as a parishioner and if the deceased's spouse had previously been buried in the cemetery as a parishioner, then the deceased should also be considered as a parishioner;
 - b. In the case of a still born child, or a child under the age of one year, one of the parents was a parishioner in which case a no fee is payable;
 - c. was a previous inhabitant of the Parish of Hellingly but who does not meet the criterion in 3a, in which case a Non-Parishioner fee is payable; except where the exclusive right of burial has already been purchased and there is space available in the grave concerned.

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4. Applications for a second and subsequent interment in a grave already purchased will be at the Parishioner fee.
5. Where exclusive right of burial has been granted, applications for burials and monuments can only be accepted where the owner of the grave has signed the application form.
6. Exclusive right of burial may be purchased in advance and will be granted for a period of 50 years, this right is only open to those who have a relative buried in the Cemetery.
7. Notice of interment in Hellingly Cemetery must be correctly delivered with the fees to Hailsham Town Council at least two clear working days* before the interment.
8. Registers of Burials to 13.2.67, of Graves to 20.2.25 and Graves Purchased to 15.7.36 are kept at the County Record Office at Brighton. If these registers need to be consulted, for example prior to making arrangements for burials, then at least one clear working day * must be allowed for the purpose.

9. Burials may only take place on working days* between 10.00 a.m. and 3 p.m.
10. Coffins are to be only of the traditional shape. American -style caskets are not allowed.
11. Cremated remains which are to be interred must be contained within urns or caskets and containers must not exceed 10.5 inches x 10.5 inches.
12. All new graves will be located in the New Cemetery Addition.
13. With effect from 1st September 2008 in order to facilitate mowing, Kerbstones are not allowed in any part of the Cemetery.
14. Mounds are not allowed in any part of the Cemetery.
15. Headstones must not exceed 42 inches in height.
16. The previous area for cremated remains is now closed and has been replaced by a new Garden of Remembrance which is reserved for cremated remains. Plots may be purchased within the area and approved plaques or headstones may be erected. Memorial trees may be erected in a separate area near the Garden of Remembrance. The exact location and species of Memorial Trees must be approved by the Parish Council or by delegated authority. The fees are included in the list of charges.
17. Flower containers may only be placed on graves. Not more than two containers should be placed on each grave and containers should be substantial enough not to blow about in the wind. Other personal tributes are not permitted on graves.
18. Flowers may be planted on graves. Trees and shrubs, including roses may not be planted on graves. Those planted in contravention of this rule may be removed by the Parish Council.
19. If double graves are required the second interment will be in an adjacent or double depth grave which must be purchased at the time of the first interment.
20. It should be noted that Hellingly Cemetery is a rural cemetery and may be subject to flooding in adverse weather conditions.

* Monday - Friday and excluding bank and public holidays.

Natalie Rhodes
Clerk to the Committee

September 2025



HELLINGLY PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY FEES AND CHARGES April 2025

For the purpose of this schedule, a Parishioner is deemed to be an inhabitant of the Parish of Hellingly or of the former Upper Horsebridge Ward in the Parish of Hailsham and resident therein during the period covered by the electoral roll preceding the current one.

PART 1. INTERMENT, INCLUDING THE DIGGING OF THE GRAVE

| | Parishioner | Other |
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| (a) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one year but did not exceed twelve years | 194.00 | 446.00 |
| (b) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years | | |
| Single depth | 618.00 | 988.00 |
| Double depth | 976.00 | 1974.00 |
| (c) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years (Hailsham resident) | | |
| Single depth | | 1438.00 |
| Double depth | | 2819.00 |
| (d) of cremated remains in a grave in respect of which exclusive rights of burial has been granted | 150.00 | 283.00 |

PART 2. EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES INCLUDING THE DEED OF GRANT AND ALL EXPENSES THEREOF

NOTE: Parishioner fees are charged where the person in respect of whom the right is granted, is a Parishioner, or where the person to be interred is a Parishioner.

| | Parishioner | Other |
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| (a) For the exclusive right or burial in an earthen grave 4 feet 6 inches by 4 feet. | 253.00 | 507.00 |
| (b) For the exclusive right of burial in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet | 565.00 | 1091.00 |
| (c) For the exclusive right of burial of cremated remains in the garden of remembrance | | |
| Single Depth (Standard Plot 1 foot by 1 foot) | 208.00 | 405.00 |
| Double Depth (Standard Plot 1 foot by 1 foot) | 280.00 | 499.00 |
| Single Depth (3 feet by 2 feet Plot with Headstone) | 301.00 | 600.00 |
| Double Depth (3 feet by 2 feet Plot with Headstone) | 374.00 | 803.00 |

The Deed of Grant will be for a period of 75 years.

PART 3. MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES, TABLETS AND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

NOTE: Parishioners fees are charged where the owner of the grave is a Parishioner or where the person interred was a Parishioner.

| | Parishioner | Other |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| (a) A headstone not exceeding 3 feet 6 inches in height or any memorial not falling within categories (b) to (d) below | 197.00 | 395.00 |
| (b) A vase with inscription not exceeding 1 foot 6 inches in height. (No charge is made for a vase without inscription but the usual application must be made). | 75.00 | 150.00 |
| (c) A tablet not exceeding 1 foot 6 inches by 1 foot 6 inches | 131.00 | 245.00 |
| (d) A tablet not exceeding 1 foot 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches including a book tablet | 150.00 | 197.00 |
| (e) A memorial tree (adjacent to Garden of Remembrance) | 283.00 | 395.00 |
| (f) For each inscription after the first | 114.00 | 197.00 |

THE PARISH COUNCIL ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS OF, OR DAMAGE TO, GRAVESTONES OR OTHER MEMORIALS IN THE CEMETERY, HOWSOEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGE ARISING FROM WEATHER, VANDALISM, THEFT, OR THE ACTIONS OF THIRD PARTIES. ALL GRAVESTONES ARE ERECTED AND MAINTAINED AT THE SOLE RISK OF THE OWNER.

PART 4. MISCELLANEOUS

| | Parishioner | Other |
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| (a) Change of ownership | 104.00 | 197.00 |
| (b) Certified entry from Register of Burials | 104.00 | 197.00 |
| (c) Research into Cemetery Records | 150.00 | 213.00 |
| (d) Strewing of ashes in the Cemetery | 104.00 | 197.00 |

With effect from April 2025