

CHEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL

(Acting as The Burial Authority for The Parish of Cheveley)

CHEVELEY CEMETERY

Regulations and Information

In accordance with The Social Fund (Children's Funeral Fund for England) Regulations 2019 no. 1064, there are no fees chargeable for the coffin burial or interment and scattering of ashes of children under the age of 18 years or stillborn after 24 weeks of pregnancy.

- Please see "Cheveley Cemetery Fees and Payments" for up to date costs for burials/interments.
- All waste should be disposed of in the bins provided next to the entrance to the "new cemetery". There are two "green" bins for compostable vegetation and a black bin for all other waste.

Main Cemetery (Burials)

- Burial plots are available as single (5ft), double (7ft) & treble (9ft).
- Memorials will not be permitted to be erected until at least 6 calendar months following interment to allow for settlement of the ground.
- All headstones must be compliant to current fixing safety regulations and will be subject to being laid down or removed if they become unsafe or unsightly.
- Headstones must not exceed - 3ft wide (incl. base) x 12ins (18ins for sloping book style memorials) depth x 4ft height
- Headstones should be plain in appearance, colour and shape, without excessive ornament and should be constructed of natural stone. A cross may be made of wrought iron or hard wood. The Council reserves the right to approve all applications. Full details of memorials, measurements and inscription must be submitted to the Clerk at the time of application.
- Memorial vases must not exceed 12ins wide x 12ins depth x 12ins height
- Following interment excess soil should be left on top of the grave. Once settlement has occurred this will be levelled off by Cheveley Parish Council and seeded to grass, any remaining soil will be used to fill subsided areas throughout the cemetery.
- Cheveley Cemetery is maintained as a lawn cemetery with the grass being mowed regularly. The placing of rooted plants, personal items or adornments on graves is discouraged as they create a hazard when mowing. The council will remove any dangerous or loose items from graves which could pose a trip hazard and will return neglected graves or those which have fallen into disrepair to grass.
- No ashes may be interred in unused burial plots. However, they may be interred in a grave where a burial has already taken place providing permission has been obtained from the representatives of the previously deceased person and approved by Cheveley Parish Council.

Garden of Rest (Interment of Cremated Remains)

- Formal interment of ashes can only take place within the gravel area designated for this purpose. Once this area is full further space will be provided alongside the grass path leading to it.
- All stones must be compliant to current fixing safety regulations and will be subject to being laid down or removed if they become unsafe or unsightly.
- Memorials permitted are; Flat stone (not exceeding - 18ins x 18ins x 4ins depth); Sloping book or desk type stone (not exceeding - 18ins x 18ins x 4ins depth) or Memorial Vase (not exceeding - 18ins x 18ins x 10ins height)

Memorial Trees (Interment of Cremated Remains)

- An area at the end of the path on the right-hand side (bottom right of cemetery) is designated for Memorial Trees for the interment of cremated remains, known as the "woodland area".
- Ashes can be either buried in a wooden ashes casket or biodegradable container, or be scattered in a small hole that is then back filled with a tree planted to mark the spot.
- One tree, selected from the permitted list of indigenous species below is allowed; written permission from Cheveley Parish Council should be obtained before purchasing the tree.

- Cheveley Parish Council will decide on where the tree will be planted.
- One small metal plaque is permitted not exceeding 4 inches by 6 inches is permitted.
- Natural sprays and bunches of flowers may be laid at the foot of the tree at the time of interment and on other occasions.
- No loose scattering of ashes is permitted without permission.
- No stone or memorial is permitted in the woodland area (if required interment must be made in the Garden of Rest).
- No artificial flowers or additional planting of shrubs and flowers is permitted within this area.

The following trees are permitted:

- Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)
- Common Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
- Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*)
- Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)
- Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*)
- Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
- Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)
- Large-leaved lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*)
- Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
- Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*)
- White Beam (*Sorbus aria*)

General

1. The right of interment, erection of memorials and the reservation of grave spaces is exclusive to residents of Cheveley Parish who, at the date of application or their death, resided in the parish (e.g. on the register of electors).
2. At the discretion of the Council, these services may be extended to non-residents who have a qualifying connection with Cheveley Parish. That is, either they were born in the parish, were baptised or married in the Parish Church or an immediate family member (parent, son, daughter) is interred in the cemetery. Should there be any query relating to these rights then the non-resident fee will be charged, refundable if a qualifying connection is proved and accepted by the Council.
3. Non-residents will be charged at a rate of three times the charge made to residents as set out in the 'fees and payments' (a non-resident is a person who, at the time of application, or immediately before his or her death, was not an inhabitant of Cheveley Parish).
4. Residents who have to move out of the parish through no fault of their own to a residential or nursing home, or into the care of a relative's home, are to be treated as though they are still an inhabitant, irrespective of length of absence. In respect of a stillborn child, at least one of the parents must be an inhabitant.
5. Any requests or queries not covered in this information document or by the fees and payments list will be considered by Cheveley Parish Council whose decision will be final. Questions and requests should be made via the Parish Clerk. The council appreciates that an urgent decision may in some instances be required and, in those circumstances, arrangements will be put in place to deal with the matter expeditiously.

The above regulations governing the use of Cheveley cemetery were passed by resolution of the Parish Council on the 11th August 2020 and became effective from that date. These regulations are applicable in every case.

Signed: 
Marilyn Strand (Clerk)

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Single plot (deceased aged 18 and over) £200.00
(single 5ft, double 7ft & treble 9ft)

Interment of cremated remains in existing grave above burial (deceased aged 18 or over) £95.00

Head stone (plain in appearance, colour & shape, without excessive ornament) (deceased aged 18 or over) £100.00
(not exceeding 3ft wide (incl. base) x 12ins (18ins for sloping book style memorials) depth x 4ft height)

Memorial vase (deceased aged 18 or over) £45.00
(not exceeding 12ins wide x 12ins depth x 12ins height)

Garden of Rest (Interment of Cremated Remains)

Single plot (deceased aged 18 or over) £95.00
(single or double depth)

Flat stone (deceased aged 18 or over) £90.00
(not exceeding 18ins x 18ins x 4ins depth)

Sloping book or desk type stone (deceased aged 18 or over) £85.00
(not exceeding 18ins x 18ins x 4ins depth)

Memorial vase (deceased aged 18 or over) £55.00
(not exceeding 18ins x 18ins x 10ins height)

Memorial Trees (Interment of Cremated Remains)

Single plot £165.00
(excluding the cost of tree)

Memorial plaque (deceased aged 18 or over) £40.00
(not exceeding 4ins x 6ins)

Exclusive Rights of Burial in Earthen Graves

For the exclusive right of burial for a period not exceeding 99 years in an earthen grave 7 feet by 3 feet (deceased aged 18 or over). £150.00

For the exclusive right of burial for a period not exceeding 99 years of cremated remains in an earthen grave 2 feet by 2 feet (deceased aged 18 or over). £95.00

It is not possible to provide exclusive rights within the informal burial area at Cheveley cemetery due to the more natural effect desired within this area.

Other Charges

Cheveley Parish Council Exhumation fee <i>(in the event of exhumation, permission and costs will be determined and charged by the Relevant Authorities)</i>	£200.00
Additional Memorial Inscriptions (deceased aged 18 or over) <i>(to existing headstones/memorials)</i>	£35.00
Preparation of deed of grant/transfer (deceased aged 18 or over)	£40.00
Copies of deeds/record searches	£5.00/£19h

In accordance with Cheveley Parish Council's Cemetery Regulations (2020), all fees for non-residents will be tripled.