Grave information

Lawn Graves: Extract from Cemetery Regulations
(Sections: A, AX, B, C, D, F, FCR, M, MU, T, U, W, X, Y, Z)

Cremation Remains Graves (Section: FCR)

These sections allow a headstone at the head of the grave with a garden space in front. Graves on the lawn sections will be seeded over following settlement of the grave. Grass seeding is carried out between October and March. The remaining grassed area must be kept clear at all times and is maintained by the Cemetery.

Garden Spaces

With a maximum size: 1.22 metres (4 feet) wide by 0.46 metre (18 inches) in length, in front of the headstone will be left as a garden area for individual planting.

The grave owner is responsible for the planting and upkeep of the garden. If the garden is left unkept, it will be grassed over.

Please note the following are not allowed: any type of fence/edging, any type gravel/glass chippings on or around the garden space/grave on any grave. The Cemetery will remove these items if found on the graves.


This allows a headstone at the head of the grave with a garden space with a maximum size: 0.76 metre (2 feet 6 inches) wide by 1.52 metres (5 feet) in length, this is left for planting bedding flowers or small shrubs. The grave owner is responsible for the planting and the upkeep of the garden space. If the garden is left unkept, it will be grassed over.

Please note the following are not allowed: any type of fence/edging, any type gravel/glass chippings on or around the garden space/grave. The Cemetery will remove these items if found on the graves.

Grave ownership: After a burial in a new grave, a deed called “Grant of Right of Burial” will be issued to the nominated grave owner confirming that person is the owner of the grave. The deed will also state the length of the lease period.

Public graves: These are lawn section graves. The headstones are the property of the Cemetery Board. An inscription is allowed on the headstone which must be arranged through the Cemetery Office. Garden spaces are not allowed.

Headstone: sizes can be found on our memorial application form and our web site.

Wooden Crosses: Small wooden crosses with a maximum height 0.76 metre (2 feet 6 inches) are accepted for a period not exceeding one year from date of burial when the Cemetery will remove the crosses after one year.

Grave planting and upkeep service: The Cemetery can provide a maintenance service for garden spaces. For information on our fees and charges visit our web site:
merton.gov.uk/cemeteries