

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL
DIRECT SERVICES

REGULATIONS REGARDING THE ERECTION OF MEMORIALS WITHIN THE
CEMETERIES MANAGED BY EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. Permission must be obtained before any memorial or kerb edging is erected in the Council's cemeteries.
2. Memorials are only permitted on purchased graves upon the application of the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial. The erection of memorials on unpurchased graves is prohibited unless the grave is purchased at the time of application.
3. The Right to Erect a Memorial (REM) will be granted with an inspection every 5 years.
4. The above is subject to the memorial being approved by Eastleigh Borough Council (construction and erection) prior to installation and this work being carried out by a mason registered with Eastleigh Borough Council's Memorial Mason Registration Scheme (MMRS).
5. For a memorial to be erected an official application, using the form provided by Eastleigh Borough Council, must be completed and must include the signature of the registered owner.
6. There will be a charge made for the Right to Erect a Memorial (REM). An additional fee is also payable for any subsequent inscriptions.
7. Included in the REM is the condition that the memorial will be inspected every 5 years by the Council. If upon inspection it is identified that work is required, Eastleigh Borough Council will write to the owner of the grave informing them of the work required and the actions that they need to take. The owner must inform Eastleigh Borough Council within one month of the date of the letter when the work will be carried out. Any repairs identified can be carried out by one of the masons registered on the MMRS. Wherever possible, we would recommend that the original stonemason should be used to ensure that the work is guaranteed to have been carried out to a good standard. If the owner does not contact the Council and advise that the work will be carried out or it is not possible to trace the owner of the grave, it may be deemed that the REM has been terminated and the memorial will be removed. Where an Exclusive Right of Burial exists and the grave is not full then a charge to cover the removal will be placed against this grave.

The grave owner remains responsible for the safety of the memorial.

8. Only memorials of natural stone or reconstituted stone are permitted. No memorial shall exceed the following sizes:

ADULT GRAVE PLOT – 4ft (122cm) in height by 2ft 6ins (76cm) in width or 6ft 6ins (200cm) long

CHILD GRAVE PLOT - 3ft (92cm) high by 2ft 6ins (76cm) in width or 4ft 6ins (138cm) long

CREMATION PLOT - 20ins (50cm) high by 23ins (59cm) in width by 23ins (59cm) long

The minimum thickness of a memorial up to 20ins (50cm) high shall be 2ins (5cm), that of a memorial from 20ins (50cm) to 4ft (122cm) shall be 3ins (7.6cm)

The grave number and name of the stone mason must be permanently engraved on the rear of every memorial in letters 5/8in (1.5cm) high.

No more than one freestanding vase is permitted per interment. These must be constructed of either stone or metal up to a maximum of two per grave.

The aim of these regulations is to ensure that the cemeteries are well maintained and visually pleasant and safe for visitors.