

# Pershore Town Council



## Cemetery Guide 2018

## **Introduction**

Pershore Cemetery is owned and managed by Pershore Town Council. This booklet aims to provide you with information about the cemetery and various aspects relating to burials. It also explains your responsibilities as owners of the rights over grave spaces at the cemetery.

Pershore Cemetery dates from 1875 and has been the final resting place for most Pershore residents since that time. The Town Council endeavours to create a pleasant and peaceful setting at the cemetery and staff are available to answer any questions you may have.

The Cemetery is open from 8.00am daily until 8.00pm in summer and 5.00pm in winter. Staff are available at the Town Hall from 9.00am until 5.00pm, Monday to Thursday and until 1.00pm on Fridays.

The Council is a member of the Association of Burial Authorities, incorporating the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management and complies with the code of practice laid down by that organisation. All memorials are required to be installed to the standards of the National Association of Memorial Masons and a list of masons who are approved to work at Pershore Cemetery is available on page 7 of this booklet.

## **Arranging the funeral of a loved one**

Details of how to arrange a funeral will be provided by the Registrar when registering the death and you will be given the names of a number of Funeral Directors in the area. You can decide on either a full burial or a cremation and you may, should you so wish, make arrangements for the funeral without using a funeral director, although this is less usual.

The funeral service can be religious, humanist or a civil ceremony. It can be in a local church, at the crematorium or, for smaller funerals, the cemetery has a chapel which provides an intimate and dignified space for approximately 40 people.

If you choose cremation, the decision on the burial or scattering of the ashes does not need to be made immediately. In fact it is recommended that families wait a couple of weeks so that they have time to make sure that they know how they want to proceed.

However, if a full burial is to be undertaken, and you do not already own the rights to a grave space at the cemetery, you will need to choose such a space. It is hoped that the notes below will assist you in this process.

***Please note that it is a legal requirement that no burial or interment or scattering of ashes may take place at Pershore Cemetery without the permission of the Town Council.***

## **Purchase of the Exclusive Right of Burial in a Grave at Pershore Cemetery**

### **Burials**

Unfortunately the Council no longer has sufficient space at the cemetery to allow grave spaces to be purchased in advance of it being required for a burial. You will therefore be choosing a grave space for a loved one at what may be a very difficult time and it is important that you take the opportunity to visit the cemetery to choose the place where you wish to lay your loved one to rest. It is hoped that the following information will help you to choose this space and explain the various types of memorial that are allowed in different sections of the cemetery.

A family will usually purchase the rights to a grave space in which up to two burials may take place, the rights lasting for 70 years. If at the end of that time the family wish to repurchase the space they will need to contact the Town Council at that time. Should you decide not to purchase the rights, it is important that you speak to the Town Clerk about the implications for the installation of a headstone and other aspects of your decision.

If you do decide to purchase the rights you are also allowed, with the Council's formal permission, to erect a memorial on the grave. The type of memorial permitted depends upon the location of the grave and it is therefore very important that, when choosing your grave space, you ensure you have a clear understanding of what type of memorial is permitted in the area you have chosen. Please note that if you decide not to purchase the right, no memorial of any type may be installed on the grave.

**Please note that the lawn sections are plots, M, V, W, X and Y** and in these areas, headstones only are permitted although other small memorials may be placed within 18 inches of the headstone. No kerb sets are allowed in these sections but families may arrange for a flat stone, the full length of the grave, to be installed if they wish. Examples of this can be seen in various areas of the cemetery. A map of the cemetery is on page 11 of this leaflet showing where the various sections can be found.

### **Cremated remains**

If you choose a cremation, you will receive the ashes at some time following the cremation, either in a casket or an urn. You may choose to bury or scatter the ashes at any time in the future either through your funeral director, or, if you prefer, privately through the Town Council.

A separate part of the cemetery is laid out for the burial of ashes in a Garden of Remembrance. There are two areas for such a burial – one is a traditional area where the rights to the space are again purchased and the ashes buried in the casket or urn. The owner of this space then has the right to place a memorial, in the form of a flat stone, on the grave with the Council's formal permission.

Alternatively a new area has been created where you may scatter the ashes. No casket or urn is buried and the ashes are simply scattered on the ground with the option of purchasing the right to install a small plaque at the edge of the area for a period of 20 years.

**Please note that it is a LEGAL REQUIREMENT that ashes may only be buried or scattered in any part of the cemetery with the authorisation of the Town Council and in the presence of a person authorised by the Town Clerk and the Certificate of Cremation handed to the person so authorised.**

**Cemetery Regulations – please sign and return the enclosed form to show that you have read and agree to abide by these.**

- In those areas of the cemetery classed as lawn sections (as noted previously) the graves will be turfed or seeded flat. Headstones are permitted but vases, or other small memorials in this section are only permitted within 18 inches of the headstone.
- Please note that no railings, chains or fencing of any description or any other similar inappropriate item will be allowed as any part of a memorial and the Council reserves the right to remove these items when undertaking grounds maintenance.
- No person may plant any tree within the cemetery.
- Permanent memorials may not be installed unless the grave space has been purchased by the person applying for the memorial, the express permission of the Town Council has been received and the necessary fee paid.
- It is the responsibility of the owner of the grave space to keep the grave neat and tidy at all times and any memorial in good repair so that it is safe. If any owner fails to fulfil these obligations the Town Council reserves the right to make good any deficiency including, if necessary, the removal of any memorial or other object for which, when applicable, the owner will be charged.
- No one other than a person acting with accredited authority such as a funeral director, authorised memorial mason or member of the Town Council staff shall dig or carry out memorial mason work in the cemetery.

- Temporary wooden crosses erected by the funeral directors may remain on the grave for a maximum period of 6 months following which they will be removed.
- The Town Council reserves the right to remove vases, plastic and silk flowers, and any other inappropriate ornaments from graves and to dispose of wreaths, sprays and similar fresh flowers once these have perished.
- Please note that whilst dogs are permitted in the cemetery they must be kept on a lead at all times. Please clean up after your dog.
- Children under the age of 14 years old are only allowed in the cemetery in the company of an adult.

### **Maintenance of the Cemetery**

- Weather conditions permitting, all sunken graves will be topped up with soil and re-seeded. In the lawn areas of the cemetery no plants may be planted beyond the 18 inches in front of the headstone and the Council reserves the right to remove and dispose of any plants or other objects extending beyond this limit.
- The contractors will mow around graves as part of their routine maintenance and trim up to headstones. Maintenance of the actual grave is the responsibility of the owner of the grave space.

### **Memorials**

- Memorials may only be erected by authorised stone masons, a list of which on page 8 of this leaflet.
- Your chosen mason will advise you on the type of memorial and apply to the Town Council for permission to erect this on your behalf. Only the owner of the grave space may apply for such a memorial and your stone mason will ask you to sign the necessary application form.
- The Town Council reserves the right to refuse any inappropriate memorial or inscription.

- Please note that there are restrictions on the type of memorial that may be erected in different parts of the cemetery.

For further information please contact the Town Clerk on 01386 561561, email [townclerk@pershore-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@pershore-tc.gov.uk) or visit us in the Town Hall, at 34 High Street, Pershore WR10 1DS.

Alternatively, you can visit our website [www.pershoretowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pershoretowncouncil.gov.uk)



# **Memorial Masons Approved to Work at Pershore Cemetery**

## **Abbey Memorials Ltd**

Rawreth Industrial Estate  
Rawreth Lane, Rayleigh  
SS6 9RL  
Contact: Mark Steen  
**Tel:** 01268 782757

## **Memorials of Distinction**

The Memorial Works  
Southfields Road, Dunstable  
Bedfordshire LU6 3EP  
Contact: Sharon Bresland  
**Tel:** 01582 249990

## **Geo Clifford and Sons**

174 Evesham Road  
Stratford upon Avon  
CV37 6DH  
**Tel:** 01789 292459  
Contact: Jack and Stuart Clifford

## **Steve Allard & Son**

4, Upton Road  
Callow End, Worcester  
WR2 4TE  
Contact: Steve Allard  
**Tel:** 01905 830460

## **Town & Country Stonemasons**

Unit 86J Blackpole Trading Estate West  
Hindlip Lane  
Worcester WR3 8TJ  
Contact: Andrew Devereux  
**Tel:** 01905 759191

## **Pershore Memorials**

The Mearse  
Upper Moore  
Pershore WR10 2JR  
Contact: John Sinnett  
**Tel:** 01386 554589

## **RGR Memorials**

4, Wold Farm Park  
Broughton Road  
Old, Northants, NN6 9RH  
Contact: Frankie Roche  
**Tel:** 01604 780044

## **EB Memorials**

2 Checketts Lane  
Worcester WR3 7JN  
**Tel:** 01905 452319  
Contact: Elaine Bullock

## **Memory Lane Memorials Ltd**

60, High Street  
Pershore WR10 1DU  
Contact: Chris Sherriff  
**Tel:** 01386 555201

## **George Willcox**

Weston Ind. Estate  
Honeybourne  
Evesham WR11 7QU  
Contact: Simon Bellamy  
**Tel:** 01386 840855

## **Ursells**

Waterloo Monumental Works  
Cantilupe Road, Ross on Wye  
HR9 7AN  
**Tel:** 01989 562530  
Contact: Miss Sandra Gail

## **D K Masonry Ltd**

The Stoneyard  
Hylton Road, Worcester  
WR2 5JS  
**Tel:** 01905 423178  
Contact: Darren Bennett

## **Simply Stone Evesham Ltd**

58, Port Street  
Evesham WR11 1AP  
Contact: David Yeates  
**Tel:** 01386 421999 or 07793 084166

## **Stonemasons of Worcester Ltd**

The Stoneyard  
Hylton Road  
Worcester WR2 5JS  
Contact: Tom Adams  
**Tel:** 01905 423178

## **Cleevly Memorials**

Unit 5b, 83 Prestbury Road  
Cheltenham, Glos  
GL52 2DR  
**Tel:** 01242 236236  
Contact: Caroline Cleevly

## **G H Davies & Son/Richards Memorials**

Sabrina Monumental Works  
94 Longden Rd  
Shrewsbury SY3 7HS  
**Tel:** 01743 362818  
Contact: Rick Richards

## **JW Stonemasons of Cannock**

136 Anglesey Business Park  
Littleworth Rd  
Hednesford  
WS12 1NR  
**Tel:** 01543 422023  
Contact: John Walsh

## **Mossfords of Cardiff**

285, Cowbridge Road West  
Cardiff  
CF5 5TD

## **Fees at Pershore Cemetery (wef 1st April 2018)**

### **Scale of charges**

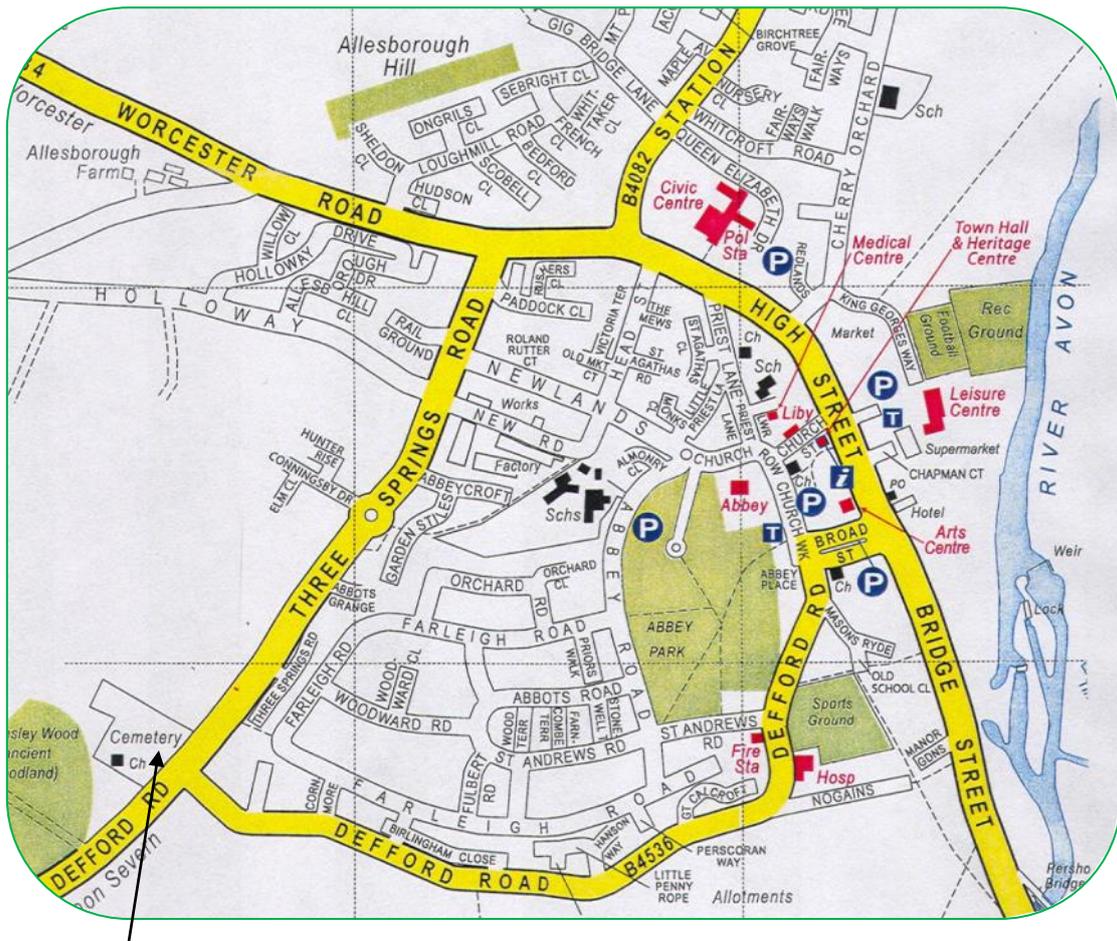
Please note that the charges below relate to anyone resident in Pershore, or a person who resided in the parish within the preceding 5 years. In all other cases the exclusive rights of burial, interment and memorial fees will be multiplied by 2.5. These fees are reviewed annually and therefore subject to change without notice.

### **Interments**

Interment of child under 18	No fee charged
Interment of person over 18	£245
Interment of cremated remains	£170
Purchase of full size grave plot	£450
Purchase of plot for cremated remains	£225
Purchase of grave for child under 12	£120

### **Memorials**

Flat Slab (max 6ft 6ins by 2ft 6ins— flat to ground)	£195
Headstone up to 4ft high	£225
Kerbset	£225
Additional inscription	£90
Vase with inscription	£90
Cremation table (max 18ins by 18ins—flat to ground)	£150
Use of chapel and keyboard	£125
Transfer of ownership fee	£55



The cemetery address is:

Defford Road, Pershore, Worcestershire WR10 3BX

**If you have any queries please contact:**

Mrs Ann Dobbins A.C.I.B.

Town Clerk, Pershore Town Council

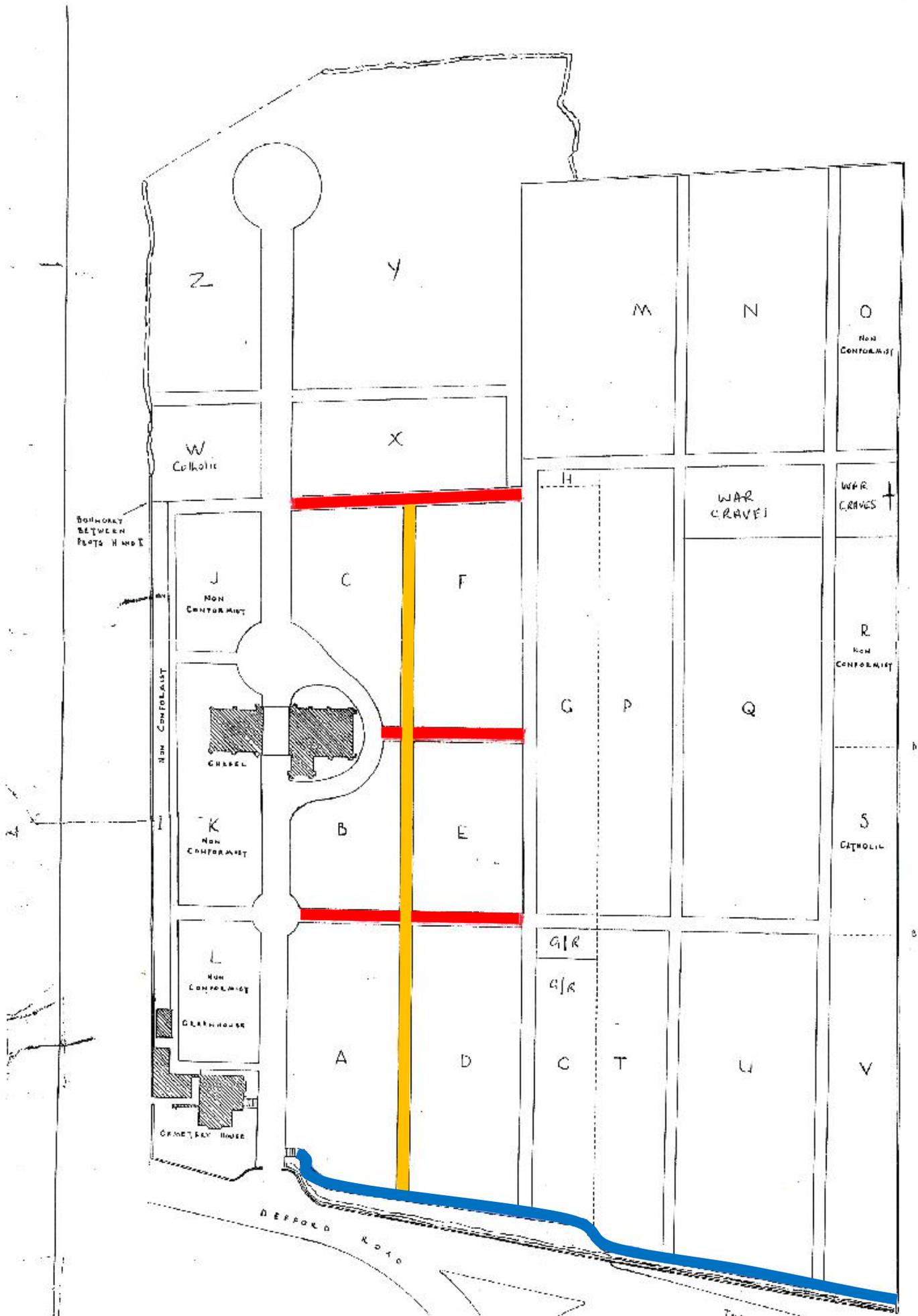
Town Hall, 34, High Street

Pershore WR10 1DS

**Tel:** 01386 561561

**Email:** [townclerk@pershore-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@pershore-tc.gov.uk)

# Pershore Cemetery Layout





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