



# Placing a headstone on a grave in a Cemetery



- **Can I put a headstone on the grave?**

Yes, the person who owns the Exclusive Rights for the grave can apply via a stonemason to the Borough Council to have a permit for placing a headstone on a grave. You can not put a headstone on a grave if it is un-purchased or if you are not the owner of the Exclusive Rights.

- **Can I pick any stonemason?**

Whilst the choice of stonemason is yours, the stonemason will have certain criteria that they have to meet to have their work approved by the Council and a permit issued.

- **Are there any fees to put a headstone on a grave?**

Yes, your stonemason can advise you of the current fee.

- **Is there a limit to the size of a headstone?**

Yes, your stonemason can advise you on the maximum width and depth, but there is no limit on height the Council allows.

- **Who is responsible for the upkeep of the headstone?**

The person who owns the Exclusive Rights has to keep the headstone in a good, safe order.

- **Can I put anything else on the grave?**

No, other adornments are not allowed other than a simple flower vase.

- **Do I have to put a headstone on the purchased grave?**

No, the choice is for the person who owns the Exclusive Rights to make.

- **What happens if I put a headstone on a grave without a permit or onto an un-purchased grave?**

The Council will write to the person who owns the Exclusive Rights or to the last known applicant for an un-purchased grave, asking them to seek approval or remove the headstone by a specified date. If neither happens the Council will remove the headstone.

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