



TUNBRIDGE WELLS CEMETERY



How to Choose a Grave

The cemetery is currently able to offer a range of graves in both consecrated and general ground with additional provision for Roman Catholic and Muslim burials. Graves can be purchased at the time of bereavement or in advance.

We are also able to offer a choice of modern, lawn-style graves and traditional depending on the section of the grounds. Purchasers of lawn graves can only pick the section and the grave is allocated by the cemetery. Traditional graves have no restriction. Where conditions allow graves can be dug to accommodate up to three coffined burials and once full a further six sets of cremated remains can be placed on top.

Questions to ask

- Is it important to be able to dress the grave with memorials to the deceased?
Yes: Choose traditional graves
No: Choose either
- Do you want the Cemetery to look after the maintenance of the grave for you?
Yes: Choose lawn graves
No: Choose either

Lawn graves are very closely monitored to ensure that anything put on them is compliant with our regulations because we mow and strim them and need to ensure the safety of our staff and visitors. Therefore owners can only use 12-inches at the head of the grave to either place a headstone or plant seasonal planting. Shrubs are not allowed. Any additional ornaments must remain on the headstone and cannot be glass, ceramic, plastic, wire, reconstituted stone or anything which the Council feels is dangerous, unsightly or a nuisance.

Owners of traditional graves are expected to maintain the grave space themselves but they are able to have additional memorials such as kerb stones and ledger slabs. The placing of gravel or pebbles is prohibited and any additional memorials must comply with the above.

	Additional memorials allowed?	Who maintains the grave space	Allocation of specific grave
Lawn Grave	No	Cemetery	Cemetery choice
Traditional Grave	Yes	Owner	Purchaser's choice