



# Stroud Cemetery Guidelines for Memorials

Stroud Town Council is the Managing Authority for Stroud Cemetery. We have put together the following guidelines to help explain the regulations relating to permitted memorials and garden areas in the cemetery.

It is the objective of Stroud Town Council to ensure that the cemetery remains a presentable and respectable place for all who visit. Since early 2010, we have been in the process of implementing an Access Improvement Programme in the New Cemetery. This has come about because of the difficulties experienced by families, the clergy, funeral directors, pall bearers and grave diggers in reaching many plots.

The plot in Stroud Cemetery, for which you are the registered holder of Exclusive Right of Burial, is located in a section of the New Cemetery that is laid out as a lawn cemetery. Over time it will be levelled and grassed over for ease of access and future maintenance.

## Temporary Marker

Due to ground conditions, permission to erect a permanent memorial will not usually be granted for a period of one year from the date of burial. During this time the Managing Authority will not normally object to the marking of the plot by a temporary wooden cross, for which permission is not required, although the right to remove any such marker is reserved.

## Memorial Application after 1 year

As the registered holder of Exclusive Right of Burial you may make a separate application to erect a memorial, consisting of a headstone or cross, a memorial vase or an ashes memorial, or kerbing, for which a fee is payable. All memorials must be able to bear continuous exposure to the weather, and must be made of durable natural stone, or teak and similar hardwoods may be used.

## Permitted Garden Area

An area of 1 metre, measured from the back of the plot, or 600mm in the case of a cremated remains plot, may be used for garden planting. This area should be no wider than 600mm, the permitted width of the plinth on which a headstone would rest. Please be aware that it may be necessary to reposition the garden area once a headstone is installed in order to comply with the above dimensions. The Managing Authority reserves the right to remove plants (such as trees or large shrubs) deemed detrimental to neighbouring plots.



## Safety

Containers or other objects made of glass, china or plastic are not permitted as they present a risk of injury to those undertaking routine maintenance, such as strimming. Any such items will be removed.

Full cemetery regulations can be downloaded from our website: [www.stroudtown.gov.uk](http://www.stroudtown.gov.uk).