

Forfeiture

If any lair within any of East Dunbartonshire Council's cemeteries has not been used for an interment for a period of forty years, the Council may reclaim that lair for sale after advertising that fact in the local and national press and after a period of twelve months has lapsed.

Interment Arrangements

Interments can only take place on the authorisation of the Cemetery Officer - generally speaking, two working days notice is required for preparation of a burial lair. Lairs are only opened at the request of the lairholder. Lairs in East Dunbartonshire Council are dug to eight feet and will take three standard size coffins. Oversize coffins may reduce the number of interments. If, for any reason, the full depth of eight feet cannot be reached in any lair (by striking rock for example), the lairholder is notified and a reduction in price or an alternative lair can be provided.

Area for the Interment of Cremated Remains

Within all cemeteries, East Dunbartonshire Council provides smaller lairs for the interment of cremated remains (ashes). The rules for the interment of ashes are similar to those for the interment of human remains and a memorial can be erected on a cremation lair. Alternatively, cremated remains can be interred in a full size lair in addition to the three interments of human remains. Up to six cremation caskets can be accommodated within a normal size lair, the exact number would be determined by the size of the cremation casket.

Cremated remains should not be scattered in any cemetery area, due to the public health hazard and also because the ashes will be collected with the cut grass and disposed of at the tip.

Contacts

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Kirkintilloch

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New Kilpatrick Cemetery,

Bearsden

0141 931 5792

Langfaulds Cemetery,

Bearsden

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Cadder Cemetery,

Bishopbriggs

0141 772 1977

Old Aisle Cemetery,

Kirkintilloch

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Campsie Cemetery,

Lennoxton

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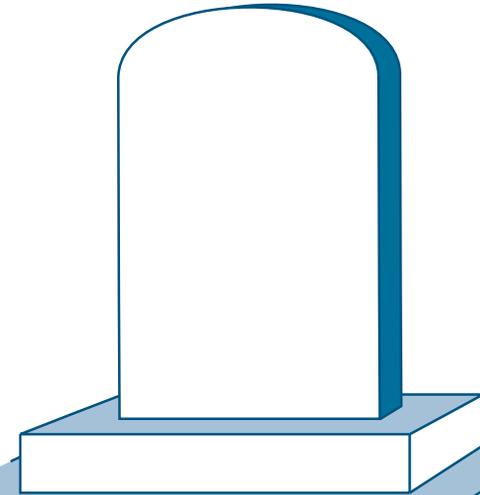
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A Guide to East Dunbartonshire Council

Cemetery Management Rules



NOTES FOR CEMETERIES

This document provides an easy guide to the main issues that are often asked in relation to East Dunbartonshire Council Cemeteries. For a copy of the Cemetery Management Rules please contact the parks and amenities office at the number given on the back of this leaflet.

We presently have six operational cemeteries;

- New Kilpatrick
- Langfaulds
- Baldernock
- Campsie
- Cadder
- Old Aisle

New lairs in all of our cemeteries can only be purchased by residents of East Dunbartonshire, due to the subsidy provided by the Council Tax.

At New Kilpatrick Cemetery, there are no new lairs for sale and interment will only be in an existing lair. At Campsie, Baldernock and Old Aisle cemeteries, lairs are only sold on interment, due to the shortage of new lairs available.

Unauthorised Memorials

An unauthorised memorial is identified in the Cemetery Management Rules as 'wooden crosses, kerbstones, footstones, copes, railings, fences, gravel, cornerstones etc'. It is, in fact, any item which has been placed on the grass area in front of the headstone or headstone border.

Items which are presently being found are lanterns, glass vases, ceramic ornaments – all of which, although not mentioned in the Cemetery Management Rules, have been identified as unauthorised memorials. This type of memorialisation gives difficulty in maintenance of the grass burial area, is considered to be a safety hazard and restricts future burials in adjoining lairs. The burial area on either side of the lair is where mourners will stand at the time of the funeral and if a lair, for example, has a fence, this will restrict access to the adjoining lair. The adjoining lairs are also used for the storage of excavating material (soil) and additional memorialisation on lairs restricts the use of these for the normal operation of the cemetery.

The special meeting of East Dunbartonshire Council approved the creation of new headstone borders where none exist in specific areas to allow additional memorials to be placed within the headstone border. Where concrete strip foundations have been provided in the cemetery, these can also be used for placing additional memorials alongside the headstone. All memorials (headstones) must be approved by the Cemeteries Officer, as must the inscription on the headstone to ensure that it is not offensive. East Dunbartonshire Council's cemetery office, has taken a flexible approach to the types of headstones approved and has not restricted a type of headstone to a black or white stone, rectangular in shape, as some councils have. Within our cemeteries you will see heart shaped stones and stones with curved tops made from varying materials.

Every effort has been made to accommodate individuality within the cemetery memorials and additional memorialisation can be provided by planting trees, shrubs or installing memorial benches within our cemeteries.

No planting or memorialisation shall take place in any cemetery without the authorisation of the appropriate officer.

Right of Burial

When purchasing a lair, the lairholder is given a lair certificate, which registers the lair in their name and gives the right to authorise up to three interments per lair. Purchase of the lair does not mean that the person has purchased the land, only the right to interment. On the death of the lairholder, the lair may be passed to their successor or may be transferred to a member of the lairholder's family prior to death. As the burial authority can only contact the lairholder at their last known address, it is appropriate that the lairholder's certificate is transferred as soon as possible to avoid any upset to bereaved family members should the lairholder need to be contacted.

