



Ystradgynlais Town Council - Gorof Cemetary Guidance Policy

Gorof Public Cemetery was opened in 1912. Initially it was named as Ystradgynlais Burial Ground and the land had been presented to the community by Fleming Gough Esquire. Gorof Public Cemetery is located behind Gurnosfa Road in Gurnos, Lower Cwmtwrch.

Ystradgynlais Town Council welcomes all visitors to the cemetery subject to the following guidelines being adhered to and asks that above all, visitors behave with dignity and respect on the premises. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. **Please note – these grounds are Private Property and there is no legal Right of Way through them.**

Grave Allocation and Ownership

Any person over the age of eighteen years old may purchase the Exclusive Right of Burial. The ownership of the grave plot will be the person identified as signatory on the burial application form. Current charges are available through the funeral director. For the interment of anyone under the age of eighteen there is no charge.

Allocation of all graves within the grounds is strictly in consecutive order of burial. There can be no requests for specific plots or advance purchase of burial plots.

Graves

Lawn Memorial Sections

A Lawn Grave is a grave with a headstone, small area for planting flowers directly in front of the headstone and grassed area level with the ground. The following measurements are the maximum limits permitted.

- Headstone Height – 36 inches Including Granite Base
- Headstone Base – 42 inches
- Base/Garden Set Section – 24 inches forward onto Grave Space

Garden of Remembrance (Ashes)

This section runs through the centre of Gorof Cemetery between the lower and higher cemeteries and is specifically for the interment of cremated remains. The following measurements are the maximum limits permitted.

- Under base/Slab – 24 x 24 inches
- Wedge Memorial not to exceed the above base size
- All cremated remains memorials to be sloping Vase Tablet Style
- No upright Memorials permitted

Headstones

- Headstones should be within the sizes specified herein and of typical design. Any requests for unusual designs should be submitted to the council in writing and will be assessed on a case by case basis.
- All wording on headstones should be respectful and should not risk causing offence to visitors to the cemetery and owners of neighbouring graves. If there is room for doubt, the wording choice should be submitted to the Council for consideration in the first instance.

Memorials

Requests to place any other kind of Memorial such as Plaques or a Bench must be submitted in full detail to the Ystradgynlais Town Council in writing to be assessed on a case by case basis.

Flowers and other Tributes

The Town Council does not accept liability for Tributes of any kind that are missing and cannot be located. All items are left at the provider's risk. Any item not conforming to this policy such as the following will be removed

- Any item connected with one plot should remain within the confines of its boundaries and not infringe on another.
- No kind of electrical/ solar powered or sound-emitting items are to be placed in the cemetery grounds.
- No tributes or trinkets of any kind are to be hung within the confines of the grounds.
- Flowers are always welcome at the Cemetery. Family members are encouraged to maintain graves by removing perished flowers to the refuse bunker in the lower cemetery. However the Council reserves the right to remove any floral Tributes deemed to have perished. No Trees or shrubs may be planted within the grounds by members of the Public.
- Items containing plastic or glass are prohibited and will be removed.

General

Any rubbish/perished flowers must be disposed of properly within the refuse bunker located at the lower cemetery. Please show respect to others by picking up after yourselves.

No dogs are permitted within the Gorof Cemetery Grounds.

