

HARTEST CEMETERY

HARTEST HILL

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Hartest Cemetery is set on Hartest Hill overlooking the centre of the village. The people of Hartest have been laid to rest here for over 150 years. It is surrounded by English native trees and has a number of wild flower species growing in the older areas.

The original lower part of the cemetery ground was given to the village by the Diocese of Ely and dedicated by the Bishop of Ely in 1857. The higher part of this ground was purchased from the Weller Poley family of Boxted Hall for the sum of £25 in 1911. In 2011 a further area of ground was secured adjacent to this through a generous gift from the Ince family. This recently purchased area of land has not been consecrated to allow burial space for those of different faiths or of no faith.

Hartest Parish Council is responsible for the management of the cemetery. This brings certain legal obligations, including the management of the graves, burials and public safety.

We also want to ensure that the cemetery is kept as a peaceful place of reflection for family members and visitors.

Although we have been able to extend the cemetery ground, space is limited and therefore we can usually only permit burials of those who have lived in, or have strong connections to, Hartest.



RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF HARTEST CEMETERY

We are required by law to comply with a number of rules and regulations about the operation and maintenance of the cemetery. These are mainly to do with the way funeral directors and stonemasons work, but some rules relate to the aftercare of graves and the protection of the cemetery environment.

These rules and regulations have been written, agreed, and are applied by Hartest Parish Council as the Burial Authority responsible under current law for Hartest Cemetery.



PLOTS FOR BURIAL GRAVES

& URN BURIAL

It is possible to select and purchase a plot for a grave or urn burial for use immediately or in the future. If you want to do this you should contact the Parish Clerk. Contact details may be found with this leaflet and are also displayed on the village website and the cemetery noticeboard. Selection of a particular location is at the sole discretion of Hartest Parish Council.

Exclusive Right of Burial to a grave plot or urn burial plot may be purchased for the legal maximum period of 100 years. After that time, the rights will return to Hartest Parish Council.

A grave plot can be purchased for either one or two people, allowing sufficient depth for one or two burials in the same plot.

When a plot is purchased, a Certificate of Right to Burial will be issued by Hartest Parish Council for exclusive rights to burial in Hartest Cemetery to a named person (or persons) for the specified period of time. The Certificate of Right to Burial is a legal document and must be produced at the time of burial by the legal owner or their representative. Only the person(s) specifically named on the certificate can be buried in the plot. If a Certificate of Right to Burial cannot be produced, Hartest Parish Council will ask the person authorised to make the burial arrangements to sign an Indemnity Form, before the burial can take place.



FAMILY MEMBERS WISHING TO BE BURIED IN THE SAME GRAVE PLOT

If a second burial or interment of ashes is to take place in an existing grave plot, the current legal holder of the Certificate of Right to Burial must give consent in writing to the Parish Clerk, before the burial can be arranged.



TYPES OF GRAVES

From January 2013, Lawn-type graves only will be available in the cemetery. These graves are set into the existing grassland and may have a vase, headstone or urn burial plaque placed at the head. This type of grave does not allow for kerbs, rails or fences.



HARTEST CEMETERY FEES & CHARGES

There is a scale of fees for burials and erecting memorial headstones. This contributes towards the administration and maintenance costs of the cemetery.

SCALE OF FEES

'PLOT' IS THE COST OF THE SPACE IN THE CEMETERY FOR A BURIAL.

'MANAGEMENT' COVERS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.

'BURIAL' COSTS COVER ONGOING WORK TO KEEP THE SITE IN GOOD ORDER.

	PLOT	MANAGEMENT	BURIAL	TOTAL £
STILLBORN BABY	0	40	0	40
CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS	100	40	100	240
PERSON OVER 16 YEARS	200	40	200	440
REOPENING AN EXISTING BURIAL PLOT WHERE A DOUBLE DEPTH GRAVE HAS BEEN PURCHASED	0	20	75	95
INTERMENT OF ASHES INCLUDING RIGHT TO PLACE A MEMORIAL PLAQUE (WHERE A BURIAL PLOT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED)	75	40	50	165

Should the representatives of the deceased wish to erect a monument at the burial site, there is a further charge levied by Hartest Parish Council. This includes the cost of gaining permission for a specific design & inscription, monitoring of stone laying and extra maintenance costs of hand trimming grass around the stone. An administration charge of £50 is made to cover costs.

The fees and regulations are fixed by Hartest Parish Council acting as Burial Authority for the Parish of Hartest in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, and by resolution of the Parish Council, shall take effect from 5th December 2012.

HEADSTONES & OTHER ORNAMENTS

If a headstone or vase plinth is to be erected, permission must be sought from Hartest Parish Council prior to the purchase of the monument. The installation must comply with the current regulations and Hartest Parish Council requirements. Details of the required specifications are available from the Parish Clerk.

Where grave ornaments are blocking the maintenance of the graves or are a safety hazard, Hartest Parish Council will remove them.

Where a burial plot has been marked with a temporary wooden cross, this will be removed when a headstone is installed. If relatives or friends want to keep the cross, please let the Parish Clerk know in advance of the laying of the headstone.



MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY

Hartest Parish Council is responsible for maintaining the whole of the turfed area of the cemetery.

As soon as possible after a burial, Hartest Parish Council will sow grass seed over the whole grave or urn burial plot, but leave aside the area where a headstone or plaque may be positioned.



FLOWERS & PLANTS

After the burial, flowers and wreaths will be left until they have withered. They will then be removed.

Flowers brought to the grave after this need to be put into non breakable containers and placed only at the head of the grave, at the headstone base position. This allows for the grass to be mown and the graves can be well kept.

Flowers which are not placed in the headstone position may have to be removed so that essential grass maintenance work can be carried out.

Planting of bulbs and annual plants is only allowed where it will not prevent the routine mowing of the grass. Any dead or unsightly vegetation will be removed.

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