

## SAWTRY PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY REGULATIONS

The cemetery is designated a 'Lawn Cemetery' which means that all graves have flat grassed surfaces and only headstone type memorials are permitted. No flower vases, flowers, shrubs, plants etc may be placed or planted on or around the grave.

The public is reminded that the provisions of the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 apply to this cemetery. Under the provisions of the Order referred to above, Sawtry Parish Council being the burial authority for the Parish has also agreed:-

1. A simple memorial stone on full sized graves shall be a headstone not larger than one metre high and 15cm thick and shall be no wider than the width of the plot, the base shall not project above the surface of the ground.
2. Memorials on plots for cremated remains shall be a sloping tablet or open book memorial and may be placed on a slab no higher than 45cm, not more than 60cm square, to raise them above ground level.
3. Memorial vases shall be incorporated within the headstone/memorial. All headstones/memorials must be marked with the plot number.
4. No memorial may be erected until six months after the burial, and the Council's approval must be obtained before the arrangements are made. A sketch of any proposed memorial, with full dimensions, materials and inscription, must be submitted to the Council for approval before any arrangements are made. If approval is granted a fee is payable.
5. Vases for flowers are allowed at the head of the grave in place of the memorial stone. Artificial flowers are NOT allowed.
6. The grave area, other than the areas covered by the headstone shall be covered only with grass. Any items placed outside of the allocated area will be removed.
7. Dead flowers, wreaths and other items must be disposed of in the bin provided.
8. Dead flowers and wreaths will be removed at Council's discretion. Christmas wreaths will be removed at the end of January.
9. No kerbs, railings or chippings shall be included with any memorial
10. You are advised that land at the cemetery is heavy clay and this may lead to water holding on the surface at certain times of the year.
11. Plots may be reserved for a period of twenty five years. If a burial has not taken place or the reservation is not renewed at the end of the period then the plot reverts to being a grave space.
12. Christmas wreaths and flowers will be removed from graves after January 31st