Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What does Exclusive Right of Burial mean (EROB)?
A. It means you are purchasing the right to be buried in a plot for 50 years, you do not own the land which remains the property of Tamworth Borough Council.

Q. What happens when the lease ends?
A. You may extend the lease on a burial plot for a further 25 years for the fee applicable at that time.

Q. How much does it cost?
A. From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 it is £1183 for a Tamworth Resident and £2283 if you pay Council Tax to another Authority (both include a £83 admin fee).

Q. Will I need to pay additional fees at the time of the first interment?
A. Yes, at the time of the first interment you will pay the interment (digging) fee to open the grave.

Q. What does it mean to be a grave owner?
A. During the period of the EROB the owner can authorise burials and interments or scatterings of cremated remains. Place or amend a memorial and is responsible for ensuring it is in a safe condition. Can be buried in the grave, space permitting.

Q. Can you have more than one owner?
A. Yes you can, but consent from **all owners** will be required before interments or memorials can be permitted. People who wish to be buried in the same grave should be joint owners.

Q. What type of memorial can I have?
A. **Lawn memorials** are placed at the head of the grave after approximately 6-9 months of settlement, the ground in front is seeded and maintained by Tamworth Borough Council at no extra cost.
Traditional memorials can cover the whole length and width of the plot with kerbs and headstone and be placed after a settlement period of approximately 12-18months.

Q. Can I choose a plot?
A. To purchase a plot in Wigginton Road cemetery you will are required to state on the application form if you would like a Traditional or Lawn type grave (memorials are fixed to a concrete raft without the need for a settlement period and the grave is seeded for ease of maintenance. No kerbs, fences, or plants are permitted on the grave and any placed will be removed without notice once it is grassed over).

On request we can show you the plots we have available otherwise the next plot in line will be allocated.

Q. How many burials can take place in a plot?
A. All cemeteries may accommodate up to two coffins however, no guarantees can be made as ground conditions may vary. The number of burials required must be specified at the time of purchase.

Q. What is the difference between a consecrated and an unconsecrated plot?
A. A consecrated plot has been blessed by a Bishop of the Church of England, these plots are located at Amington and Wilnecote New cemeteries. Unconsecrated plots have not been blessed by any religion and are available in all cemeteries for everyone.

Payment: Grave Book:

Application to Pre-purchase the exclusive Right of Burial

Please select the type of plot and Cemetery –

☐ Church of England Consecrated plot available at the following cemeteries

☐ Other religions /non-religious please state …………………………………………...

Available at the following cemeteries –

Amington ☐   Wilnecote New ☐

Wigginton Road – *select Traditional Plot* ☐ or *Lawn memorial Plot* ☐ Raft ☐

❖ Burial plot for one person ☐ or for two ☐

Burial Plot ☐   Cremated Remains Half Plot ☐

I/we wish to purchase the Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave space for a period of 50 years and request the Deed of Grant be in the following name(s). This information will be used to produce a legally binding Deed of Ownership so please complete carefully. Purchasers must be over 18 years of age.

Purchaser 1 Title, full name & address …………………………………………………
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Email ……………………………………………………. Phone …………………………

Purchaser 2 Title, full name & address……………………………………………………
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Email……………………………………………………….Phone………………………....

Confirmation

I / We confirm that the details above are correct, have read the information overleaf and agree to abide by the Cemetery Regulations and Guidelines. **I am/we are** aware that only memorials prescribed under the Council's Cemetery Regulations and Guidelines will be allowed on the grave.

Purchaser 1
Signature…………………………………………………………..Date……………………

Purchaser 2
Signature…………………………………………………….……Date……………………