

Oulton Burial Ground Rules and Regulations

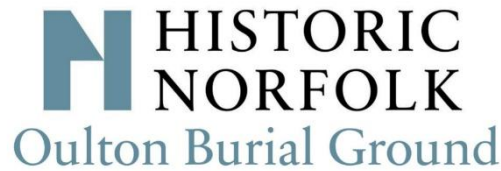
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General Rules and Regulations of Oulton Burial Ground

These regulations are made to enable Oulton Burial Ground to shape and preserve a natural area for the benefit of nature and for future generations of visitors. They are essential to combine a proper respect for the dead with a suitable management and planting programme to create sites which are peaceful, pleasant, and ecologically rich and a fitting memorial.

These regulations apply to the Burial Ground known as Oulton Burial Ground

- Oulton Burial Ground will be open at such hours and upon such days as the operators will from time-to time determine. At present, the Burial Ground is open daily for the purpose of visiting graves during daylight hours.
- Children under 16 years of age are not admitted unless in the care of an adult.
- ALL visitors to the Burial Ground must comply with these Burial Ground regulations, and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 Article 10 paragraph 6 and Section 1 of the Criminal Damages Act 1971.
- Plans of the Burial Ground giving the situation of each burial plot are open for inspection and may be inspected at the offices of Ivan Fisher Independent Funeral Homes Ltd during normal office hours, by appointment.

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- Visitors must not disturb the wildlife or remove any materials from the Burial Ground.
- Mobile telephones and other electronic devices must be switched off within the Burial Ground or switched to silent mode to preserve the peace and tranquillity of the area.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted anywhere within the Burial Ground except in the car park. All cigarette butts must be taken home
- No domestic pets or any animals, other than guide dogs for the blind and well behaved dogs on short leads are allowed in any part of the Burial Ground. Any fouling must be immediately removed from the Burial Ground.
- Visitors must not walk over burial plots and must keep to the paths to avoid trampling damage to the natural and emerging ground cover.
- Unless attending a service or to help the disabled or infirm, all vehicles including bicycles, are restricted to the designated parking areas only. These areas are clearly marked. All vehicles and their contents are parked at the owner's risk. Please note that parking is limited and the driveway leading to the parking area from the public highway must not be obstructed and access to the adjoining Coach house, Chapel and Manse must be kept clear at all times.
- The picking of flowers fungi and shrubs and the planting of flowers and shrubs is prohibited because it will prevent the generation of a natural landscape.
- No sunbathing, recreational play or ball games are allowed, nor are barbeques or picnics.

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- No shooting or any form of hunting is allowed.
- No litter. Litterbins are not provided. Visitors must take their litter home.
- No grazing animals are allowed within the Burial Ground unless introduced by the management for conservation purposes.
- Photography is allowed, although the privacy, dignity and respect of others at the Burial Ground must be maintained at all times. No person at the Burial Ground may be photographed or their image taken in any way without permission.

Rules Relating to Grave Maintenance at Oulton Burial Ground

- Oulton Burial Ground is being managed to encourage the natural landscape. Therefore, the erection of monuments that have not been approved by Oulton Burial Ground, kerbs, fences, decorative stones, woodchips as well as tending or manicuring the plots or cutting the grass on and around plots is not allowed. Non-native plants or seeds must not be planted on any plots. Trees, borders and other areas within Oulton Burial Ground are also subject to these regulations
- Oulton Burial Ground reserves (and will actively enforce) the right to remove any object placed or planted in the burial grounds, which is judged to contravene the rules and regulations and which is inappropriate to the purpose of the Burial Ground and its surrounding area without prior notification to the licence holder. Oulton Burial Ground also retain the right to remove any tree or any other plant which precludes the natural development of other trees and plants around it.

- All memorials must be purchased through Oulton Burial Ground. Only one natural wooden memorial is permitted on each grave. No other item may be placed on a grave including by way of example, vases, bottles, jars, baskets, toys photographs and cuddly toys.
- Floral tributes of any type may be placed on a grave at the time of the funeral but they will be removed after a reasonable period as deemed appropriate by Oulton Burial Ground. Any floral tributes subsequently placed in a grave will be removed after they have deteriorated.
- Bunches of flowers left on grave by visitors must not be wrapped in cellophane or tied with florist's ribbon, as these are not biodegradable.

Purchasing a Plot at Oulton Burial Ground

When you purchase a burial plot at Oulton Burial Ground, you are purchasing the Exclusive Rights of Burial for a fixed period of 75 years in that plot, in accordance with the rules and regulations pertaining to this.

The purchase of the Exclusive Rights of Burial does not confer ownership of the ground or any other rights.

Full payment must be received by Oulton Burial Ground at the time of reservation and before any interment can take place.

No refunds can be given after reservation, although burial rights can be assigned on production of the original certificate and written instructions from the owner of the burial rights and payment of a transfer fee.

How many burials can take place in a single plot?

Up to two full adult burials can take place in each burial plot. Additionally, you can have up to 2 interments of cremated remains in each Cremated Remains plot.

Each interment will be subject to an interment fee.

A burial plot may be made available for up to 6 interments of Cremated Remains (without any full adult burials in that plot) but this will be subject to additional interment costs.

Can I choose a plot in advance or will I be allocated a plot by Oulton Burial Ground?

Oulton Burial Ground will make available, from time to time, areas within the Burial Ground that can be purchased in advance. This will however, depend entirely on the natural landscaping of the area and planned future works and will be at the discretion of Oulton Burial Ground.

When someone expresses a wish to purchase a plot close or next to another plot, we will always endeavour to accommodate this.

Information about the plots at Oulton Burial Ground

All excavations of graves and all other works shall be carried out either by an employee of Oulton Burial Ground or by a person approved by them.

For families wishing to help with the excavation or filling in, special arrangements may be able to be made.

No bricked graves or vaults shall be permitted.

How to arrange for an interment at Oulton Burial Ground

Notices of interments are to be given to Ivan Fisher Independent Funeral Home Ltd by either a funeral director or a private person on 01263 735161 in the first instance. Following this, the relevant statutory paperwork and the Oulton Burial Ground Notice of Interment paperwork must be submitted 48 hours before the interment is due to take place unless otherwise agreed with Oulton Burial Ground.

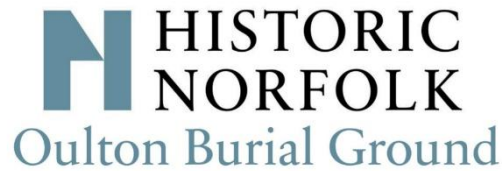
Disability Access

Where it has been possible, we have made as much of Oulton Burial Ground accessible to all. We want as many people to appreciate the beautiful setting as possible. However, please note that due to the uneven ground and natural setting of the burial ground, it may be difficult for some to gain full access to all areas.

Notices

- Interments must take place at a date and time agreed with Oulton Burial Ground.
- The minimum length of notice to be given where a grave is to be excavated shall be 48 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed with Oulton Burial Ground.

- If a grave has been pre-purchased, the certificate of ownership of the rights must be produced before the burial takes place. The ownership of a grave may need to be transferred prior to an interment taking place if the deceased is the grave owner. This will be subject to a transfer fee.
- No body shall be buried unless the correct documentation is supplied to Oulton Burial Ground.
- No cremated remains shall be buried unless a certificate of cremation is supplied to Oulton Burial Ground.
- No cremated remains will be scattered unless a certificate of cremation is supplied to Oulton Burial Ground
- No body shall be removed from any grave in the Burial Ground, once interred, without a licence from the Secretary of State under section 25 of the Burial Act 1857.
- Oulton Burial Ground encourages the use of cardboard or wicker coffins; or shrouds made from natural materials. Coffins made from wood are not encouraged in the Burial Ground and coffins made from non-biodegradable (MDF/ Chipboard) materials are not permitted. Coffin furniture must not be constructed in plastic or metal materials and coffins must not be decorated with oil based paints. Oulton Burial Ground would be pleased to offer advice in this respect.
- The deceased cannot be embalmed or have been subject to hygienic treatment prior to the burial, unless in exceptional circumstances whereby approval must be obtained from Oulton Burial Ground

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- Only environmentally friendly clothing, objects and personal effects can be placed in the coffin.
- Oulton Burial Ground reserves the right to fit closed circuit television cameras on the entrance, approach roads and car park of the burial ground.
- No camping or overnight stays are allowed anywhere on Oulton Burial Ground, car park or the roads leading to it.
- It must be noted that, as a natural Burial Ground, all burial areas will, in the main, be left to nature. Accordingly, there will potentially be graves overgrown with plants and grasses as nature intends. This allows wildlife to thrive. Furthermore, whilst efforts will be made to keep paths and tracks clear, ground may be uneven and access difficult at times. Access for visits will take place at the risk of those who are visiting. By purchasing a plot at Oulton Burial Ground you accept these terms and all others listed within these regulations.
- **Please note: you cannot plant your own tree or shrub in Oulton Burial Ground.**

Respect Policy

Whilst we are certain that most visitors to Oulton Burial Ground are caring and respectful, we wish to provide a reminder to all visitors of the standards of respect expected from all.

All visitors must give due consideration for the privacy and respect of all other visitors to the Burial Ground. All visitors must also show the same consideration for the users and occupiers of the adjoining Coach house, Chapel and Manse.

Please keep noise to a minimum. Playing of music at graveside and loud conversations are not appropriate.

Children must be closely supervised and dogs must be under control and kept on a short lead.

If conducting any form of maintenance on a grave do not infringe in any way any neighbouring plots.

Ensure your clothing and behaviour is fitting for a place of remembrance and respect. Tops must be worn, and sunbathing is not allowed.

During funeral services there may be temporary inconvenience for other visitors. There may be problems parking and additional noise, including the playing of music. Please understand that we all have the right to say goodbye to loved ones in an appropriate manner.

Complaints

If you would like to raise an issue regarding Oulton Burial Ground, you can do so in the first instance by contacting Ivan Fisher Independent Funeral Homes Ltd on 01263 735161.

Faith Groups and Burial Rites

We welcome any enquires regarding burial rites from any faith group and will always endeavour to accommodate requests made regarding this, where practicably possible.

Site Maintenance

Oulton Burial Ground will be maintained by NHBT Trading Company Limited who are a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity known as Historic Norfolk. The charity also owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the historic Oulton Chapel, situated next to the Burial Ground.

Our Team

Our team is here to help protect the environment and provide the most appropriate, natural burial ground for those in our care to rest in peace and for visitors to remember in peace and tranquillity. As such, our team must be respected and inappropriate words or behaviour towards them, or about them to others, is totally unacceptable.

If you have any concern regarding any breach of our Respect Policy and/or the Rules and Regulations of Oulton Burial Ground, please do not hesitate to contact our team on 01263 735161.