

## Graveyard Regulations Summary

The main regulations relating to monuments are summarised as follows:

- Headstones should be no taller than 4ft (120cm) and no wider than 3ft (90cm). They should be no thicker than 6in (150cm).
- Memorial tablets for cremated remains should be a maximum of 18in by 18in (45cm by 45cm) and should be flush with the ground.
- Memorials and headstones should be made of non-reflective natural stone in a grey or lighter colour.
- Lettering should be simple and not cause any offence. The name of the deceased and their age or date of birth and death should be included.
- Kerbs, edges or other grave decoration are not allowed.

For a full copy of the regulations please see our website or enquire at the church office.

## Contact Details

For General Enquiries Contact:

### The Bowbrook Office

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### The office is in the Parish Centre

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Revd. David Morris

Rector

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We hope the information in this leaflet is helpful, but if you have any questions please contact the office staff who will be happy to answer any questions

[www.crowlechurch.org](http://www.crowlechurch.org)

[www.hanburychurch.org](http://www.hanburychurch.org)

[www.himbletonchurch.org](http://www.himbletonchurch.org)

[www.oddingleychurch.org](http://www.oddingleychurch.org)

[www.stockandbradleychurch.org](http://www.stockandbradleychurch.org)

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## Churchyards Monuments & Graves



The Church of England  
in the Bowbrook Group

## **The Churchyards**

All churches in the Group have churchyards that have space for new burials and interment of ashes.

These are located at the churches in: Bredicot, Crowle, Hanbury, Himbleton, Huddington, Oddingley and Tibberton.

## **Public Access**

Any person who lives within the parish boundary of the respective church has the right to be buried in the churchyard. Churchyards are sacred and special and are open to the public.

## **Maintenance and Management**

The churchyards are under the care of the church. Their maintenance and management are the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Every effort is made to ensure that the churchyards are kept to an appropriate standard. This is, however, a substantial cost, borne by the PCC, which raises money

from donations and the regular giving of the church congregations. We would encourage you to make a gift towards the upkeep of the churchyards in order to help us keep them in a good standard.

## **Churchyard Regulations**

In order that we may manage the churchyards safely and fairly, the PCC has adopted a number of churchyard regulations. These set out the size, colour and design of memorial stones and what is permitted on a grave plot. These regulations are summarised overleaf, but a full copy can be found on our website or from the parish office.

## **Flowers and Decorations**

In order to make the maintenance of the churchyards as straightforward as possible, the planting of flowers, plants or shrubs on a grave is not permitted. For the same reason, additional decorations of any form are not permitted. We do

understand that newly-bereaved families may find comfort in placing some decoration on a grave. We therefore operate with some discretion over the rules and will permit some decorations, provided they are not permanent. Please do speak to the vicar and discuss your circumstances so we can assist you as much as possible, whilst not intruding on the grief of others.

## **Reserving a Plot**

Churchyard plots cannot be bought and sold as individual property. The PCC does not usually allow plots to be reserved, except in exceptional circumstances. If you have a specific enquiry, please contact the parish office and our administrator will refer you to one of our clergy team.

## **Any Question?**

Please do contact us if you have any questions or need any advice. All contact details are available on our websites on the "Contact us" page.