

ABBAS AND TEMPLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Burial Ground

Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council administer the Parish Burial Ground Templecombe BA8 0HP, which is adjacent to the closed Churchyard of St Mary's Church.

Fees for the Burial Ground are listed below – double rates are charged to those living outside of the Parish unless the deceased is a previous inhabitant of the Parish.

Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council make no arrangement for grave digging etc which is organised via the Funeral Directors nor accept any liability for damage to monuments, however caused. It is policy to lower all grave mounds if left untended.

Kerb surrounds are not permitted and Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council's written permission and approval must be obtained for the erection of headstones, memorials and tablets. Payments to be made to Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council and forwarded to the Clerk – T Chapman 7 Slades Hill Templecombe BA8 0HF.

LIST OF BURIAL CHARGES

	£
Purchase of full plot (rights granted for 99 years)	196.00
Burial of adult (18 years plus)	80.00
Ashes plot	80.00
Interment of ashes*	50.00

*space for this is still available in St Mary's Churchyard

There are no charges for the burial of a stillborn child or child up to 18 years

Minister's fees are in addition to above rates

FEES FOR MONUMENTS

	£
Vases (standard size only if separate from headstone)	45.00
Tablet, plaque commemorating a person whose remains have been cremated	45.00
Headstones – to include original inscription	104.00
Additional inscription to headstones/memorials	36.00

Monuments

- 1 Headstones** – (including any plinth) shall be no more than 1200mm (4 feet) high above ground, 900mm (3 feet) wide and 180mm (7 inches) thick and no less than 750mm (2 feet 6 inches) high above ground, 500mm (1 foot 8 inches) wide and 75mm (3 inches) thick, and shall not be erected with 1200mm (4 feet) of the outer wall of the church. The headstone must be securely fixed below the level of the turf to a ground anchorage complying with British Standard 8415 or giving an equivalent degree of stability.

- 2 Memorial Plaques** (over cremated remains) shall be just below the level of the turf and measure not more than 450mm (18 inches) x 400mm (16 inches)

- 3 Vases shall be separate** – measuring not more than 300mm x 200mm x 200mm (12 inches x 8 inches x 8 inches)

- 4 Stones** – traditionally used in local buildings or closely similar to them in colour and texture are appropriate. Stones shall not be polished or reflective.

- 5 Black and pearl granite**, marble of any colour, synthetic stone and plastic shall not be permitted.

- 6 A monument shall not include** any raised kerb, railings, stone or chippings, picture or photograph, built-in vase container, statuary or bird bath. All monuments shall be simple in shape. No colour shall be introduced except, black, white or gold.

- 7 No advertisement or trade mark** shall be inscribed on monument, but the name of the mason may be incised at the side or on the reverse of headstone in unpainted and unleaded letters no more than 13mm in height.

- 8 Responsibility for the safe installation** of any memorial rests with the monumental mason. The person who purchased the memorial, and after that person's death the heirs of the deceased, have an ongoing liability for its maintenance in a safe condition.

Parish Burial Ground Management Regulations

In order to preserve the dignity of the Parish Burial Ground and to ease the task of maintaining it these management regulations have been adopted by Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council

- 1** The surface of the Parish Burial Ground shall be kept as far as possible level and free of grave mounds. Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council may level any mound at its discretion at any time more than 12 months after the latest interments in the grave

- 2** Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in the soil of a grave, and plants or flowers may be placed in a removable sunken container (preferably of unpolished aluminium) but unless they are kept tidy Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council may treat the grave as part of the turf and mow over it

3 Wreaths or cut flowers may be laid direct on any grave or in any vase authorised by Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council or by these regulations; the flowers may be removed if they appear withered

4 Only vases authorised by Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council or by these regulations may be used. For reasons of safety, no glass vases, jars or containers shall be used under any circumstances. Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council will remove any such glass vases, jars or containers

5 Abbas and Templecombe Parish Council may at its discretion at any time remove and dispose of any artificial flowers placed in the Parish Burial Ground