

SKIRLAUGH & ELLERBY JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

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Rules for the Erection of Memorials

The following rules are intended to ensure the conservation of the character of the Burial Ground

1. Materials

- a. Materials must harmonise with their surroundings
- b. The materials used must meet with the approval of the Burial Committee
- c. The following materials are strictly not permitted:
Synthetic stone Plastic materials Metal Terracotta

2. Inscriptions

- a. **Details:** the Christian name and surname of the deceased should be given, with age and date (or year) of deaths, or the years of birth and death. Any additional text will only be allowed at the discretion of the Burial Committee.
- b. **Cut lettering:** may be painted a shade lighter or darker than the natural colour of the stone. On some sandstones and granites raised lettering standing out from the cut-away stone can be effective.
- c. **The following are not permitted:**
Gilded, silvered and leaded lettering
Trademarks or advertisements

The mason's name may be inscribed at the side or on the reverse of the headstone in unpainted and unleaded letters, no larger than 15mm in height.

- d. There will be no extra charge for additional inscription on an existing stone.

3. Dimensions

- a. **Headstones:** including base, no larger than 120 cm high, 90 cm wide, 15 cm thick; no less than 70 cm high, 45 cm wide, 8 cm thick.
- b. **Cremation plaques:** no more than 45 cm x 38 cm. Plaques must be laid flat, flush with the ground.
- c. **Vases:** no more than 30 cm high x 20 cm x 20 cm.

4. Design

- a. **Headstones** may be placed on a base of the same materials and fixed so that the base:
 - Does not project above the ground more than the thickness of the gravestone
 - Does not project more than 5 cm beyond the headstone
 - The foundation slab must be slightly below ground level and not project more than 13 cm or less than 5 cm beyond the base or stone.
- b. **Polished surfaces** must be confined to the face of the gravestone on which the inscription is to be cut. Mirror polishing is not permitted.
- c. **Carvings** may be allowed but the design must be submitted with the application
- d. **The following are not permitted:**
Raised kerbs Plain or coloured chippings Bird baths
Figure statuary Open books Pictorial etchings
Memorial slabs (other than in the area set aside for cremated remains)