

Maintenance The Council has a duty of care to ensure memorials within the cemeteries are maintained at a high standard and all memorials are subject to safety inspections by cemetery staff or relevant contractor approved by the Council. All memorials, vases and kerbs must be maintained in good condition and repaired at the expense of their respective owners. If the address of the owner is not known and, in the Council's, opinion, cannot reasonably be ascertained, the Council may remove the memorial without notice. The Council will not be responsible for an accident to any memorial. Checks are made by cemetery staff before any work is undertaken around the plot. Should a memorial be found to be unstable the deed holder will be contacted immediately and asked to repair. Where necessary, cemetery staff will lay the memorial down so damage cannot occur, or an accident happen. All memorials placed within Council operated cemeteries are subject to stability testing. Stability testing is conducted every 5 years. Failure to meet the stability requirements will result in a memorial being laid flat. Any repairs to a memorial will be at the Grant holder's expense. Liability Memorials shall remain in the cemetery at the sole risk of the owner therefore the Council shall not be responsible for any injury or damage thereto or damaged caused thereby. Rights of Council The Council reserves the following rights: To remove all memorials from a grave space after the expiry of a Grant or Licence period. To remove any memorial which is considered unsafe or is in a state of disrepair. In the case where permission has been previously granted, the Council has the right to revoke permission and may require the owner to remove any part of the memorial from the cemetery. Tributes Anything attributed to the deceased, including fresh floral arrangements, left within the cemetery is done so at risk. The Council reserves the right to remove any neglected, unsightly, broken, dilapidated, dangerous or unsafe articles or materials from any grave, or any article or material considered by the Clerk to be a nuisance or detrimental to the grounds without notice. This includes solar lights, lights, candles, candle holders, silk flowers, pinwheels, lighters, matches and any other item the Council deems detrimental to the cemetery. Glass pots, jars, bottles, vases or tins and such articles used to contain plants or flowers, are not permitted in the cemetery and should they be found, will be removed. This list is not exhaustive of items not permitted. Floral tributes placed on a grave immediately following a burial will be allowed to remain until they have withered or up until a period of 14 days. The council needs to maintain the grounds and items extending over the graves will not be accepted.