

# SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

## *Bereavement Services*

### Memorials on graves

Whether visiting the grave of a loved one, attending a service, or just passing through for some quiet time, our cemetery grounds are open to all. We want to maintain the high standards of appearance that everyone has come to expect from our cemetery and we kindly ask you to help us achieve this.

In line with our Cemetery and Crematorium Regulations, please keep graves as neat and tidy as possible.

You are welcome to place flowers, small potted plants or heathers on a grave, in front of the authorised memorial stone or on the vacant space for the memorial stone, up to a distance of 46cm for full graves and 30cm for cremated remains graves.



We are unable to permit unauthorised memorials and adornments on graves such as small fences, kerbs (which are only allowed in the older sections), lights, glass, porcelain tributes, wind chimes, pebbles, chippings, trees, bird baths and bird tables, etc.



We reserve the right to remove such items, for collection within 3 months by the grave owner, as well as anything that becomes neglected, unsightly, overgrown or that encroaches on adjacent graves.

## **Please note that no memorial is allowed on any other portion of the grave.**

We ask all registered owners to be aware that memorials are erected at their own risk and it is their responsibility to keep memorials in a good, safe condition. The Council cannot accept any liability for the making good of any damaged or fallen memorials.

Please understand that the Council reserves the right to re-fix, move, line up or otherwise alter the position of any memorial as may be required.

### Non-compliance with the regulations

The Council in exercising its powers under these regulations will follow the following procedure where non-compliance with the regulations has occurred.

Before any action is taken with regard to the removal of any memorial or object that is considered to be in contravention of these regulations, the Council will notify the grave holder in writing of the Council's intentions at their last known address.

One month's notice of any intended action will be given.



The grave holder will have a right to appeal against any decision made through our Corporate Complaints process. Any appeal should be in writing to the:

Environment and Regulation Manager,  
Town Hall, St Nicholas Street,  
Scarborough, YO11 2HG or by email to  
[complaintsstage1@scarborough.gov.uk](mailto:complaintsstage1@scarborough.gov.uk)

