

**West Moors Town Council**  
**PURCHASING of an Exclusive Right of Burial**



**Entitlement of purchasing a plot**

The new cemetery extension is for West Moors Residents or people who can prove a strong connection to West Moors (via a letter from a West Moors Church, stating the deceased was a regular parishioner, or having a relative interred in West Moors Cemetery)

A resident is a person who at the time of their death was living within the town boundary of West Moors, or if the death occurred whilst in a hospital/nursing/care home and their last place of residence has been within West Moors, or they moved away from West Moors within the preceding 3 years.

All others are classed as non-residents, which introduces a double fee.

Unfortunately, due to limited space, there is no pre-purchase facility available.

If the deceased was not a resident of West Moors, does not have a strong link to the village and/or does not have any relatives interred in the cemetery, a new burial or cremation plot cannot be purchased.

The selection of Burial and Cremated Remains Plots, both for Interment and purchase, is subject to availability and the approval of the Burial Authority (WMTC).

**Allocation of Burial plots**

These will be allocated in strict rotation. The exception being the request for an American Casket and/or a Vault, as this requires more space).

**Plot Space:**

A cremation plot can fit at least 6 interments of ashes. A burial plot is dug as a double, unless specifically requested as a single. There is space for at least 4 interments of ashes after 2 standard coffins in a burial plot.

**Number of Right of Burial holders for one plot:**

The Council recommends up to a maximum of two people hold the rights to the Exclusive Right of Burial; please note Holders must all agree to give consent with future Interments and Memorial applications on the purchased plot.

**Rights and Responsibilities of a Grave Owner**

West Moors Town Council retains ownership of the land at all times.

We will accept up to *TWO* grave owners.

The person (s) who is (are) registered as the owner of the Exclusive Rights of Burial to a grave has certain rights and responsibilities for the leased period of 99 years.

**You have the right to:**

- Be buried in the grave if space is available –Including cremated remains
- Authorise future burials in the grave where space is available or for the interment or scattering of cremated remains
- Place an inscribed memorial on the grave or give permission for an additional inscription to be added. (A new owner is established when the current grave owner has recently been interred in the plot to allow their inscription to be added to the headstone).

**You are responsible for:**

- Providing consent and signing paperwork for all future interments
- Ensuring the memorial is in a safe condition and pay for repairs required should the council deem the memorial as unsafe
- Notifying the council of any change of address so we may contact you at the end of a burial lease term, memorial lease term or other matters relating to your grave.
- To abide and adhere to all Cemetery Regulations including Memorial Regulations as required by the Council

**After the purchase**

All elected Holders will receive an Exclusive Right of Burial (ROB) Deed of Grant for your Burial Plot, along with the cemetery regulations and covering letter. Please ensure you keep the Deed of Grant in a safe place as it is evidence of your Ownership of the Exclusive Right of Burial and may be required as proof of Ownership with all prospective Burials and Memorial applications.

It is very helpful if you advise the Council office of any future changes to your details as outlined on your Deed of Grant; Up-to-date details are required to ensure the Registers are accurate and correctly maintained, enabling the office to contact the ROB holder if there are any issues with the plot or memorial.

If you wish to purchase a Cremated Remains and/or a Burial Plot within West Moors Cemetery would you please contact West Moors Town Council (WMTC) office for advice and further information.  
Tel: 01202 861044 or email [office@westmoors-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westmoors-tc.gov.uk)