

ST MARY'S NEWICK CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

This is a shortened version of the Churchyard Regulations for St. Mary's Church Newick. The full copy Diocese of Chichester Churchyard Regulation issues 5 April 2020 can be obtained at the Church Office email:

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Memorials must be installed by an approved Monumental Mason stmarysnewickchurch.org

HEADSTONES

Size.

No more than 4ft nor less than 2ft 6in high (1200mm, 750mm);

No more than 3ft nor less than 1ft 8in wide (900mm, 500mm);

No more than 6in nor less than 3in thick (150mm, 75mm). For slate, 2in (50mm) is permitted;

For infant burials, headstones must be no less than 2ft x 1ft 3in x 2in (600mm x 375mm x 50mm)

A base forming an integral part of the design of a headstone may be included, provided it does not project more than 2in (50mm) beyond the headstone in any direction and provided that it is fixed on a foundation slab of an approved material which itself is fixed flush with the ground and extending 3in to 5in (75mm to 125mm) all round so that a mower may freely pass over it.

The following **Materials** are permitted:

Limestone: Portland, Hornton, Purbeck or Horsham, Nabresina, Derbyshire, Caen/Normandy, Hopton Wood, Aura/Aurisina

Sandstone: York

Slate: Blue/Black (Cornish), Green Westmorland, Grey/Blue (Welsh)

Granite: Light to medium grey

APPEARANCE OF HEADSTONES. Polished stone or mirror finish is not permitted. Coloured lettering is not permitted save as follows: **Nabresia limestone** may have the lettering picked out in contrasting matt; **Slate** may have the lettering picked out in off-whitematt; **Granite** may have the lettering picked out in off-white matt; Any Inscriptions may have the lettering picked out in off-white matt; Inscriptions can be renewed at family expense subject to Clergy approval.

INSCRIPTIONS. Incumbents should require an accurate design of the proposed inscription before approving an application. Photographs or representations of objects or motifs such as a child's toy are not permitted nor the use of 'pet names'. Bronze or ceramic inserts are not to be used. Badges, crests or emblems may be used provided they are seemly and appropriate for the deceased. Any representation will need to be designed so that it may be accurately cut by a skilled craftsman. Masons' or carpenters' names, signs or marks may be inscribed on any monument provided their position and appearance are unobtrusive having regard to the monument as a whole.

HORIZONTAL LEDGERS. Either flush with the turf or raised not more than 9in (225mm) above a base, extending not less than 3in (75mm) all round and itself flush with the turf; inclusive measurements not more than 7ft (2100mm) by 3ft (900mm).

CROSSES. An incumbent may NOT consent to the introduction of a cross, for crosses have been too freely used in burial grounds in the past. Such monuments require a high standard of design. However, the incumbent may authorise the temporary introduction of a simple wooden cross to mark a recent burial. A brass plaque bearing the name and dates of the deceased may be affixed to the cross. Such cross must be removed upon the erection of a stone memorial or after a period of 18 months, whichever be the sooner.

PROHIBITIONS. For the avoidance of doubt, the following are not permitted:

Kerbs, railing, fencing or chippings

Memorials in the shape of vases, hearts, open books

Memorials incorporating photographs or portraits

Mementoes, windmills, toys or little animals

The use of 'pet names'

Artificial flowers

See also paragraphs 6.2, 6.3, 6.7, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13

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