

TAWSTOCK BURIAL GROUND - POLICY.

1. Contact Details

1.1 Tawstock Parish Council is the Burial Authority, all funeral bookings and reserving of graves must be made via the Parish Clerk. tawstockparishcouncil@gmail.com

2. Charges

2.1 A schedule of fees and charges are published annually by the Burial Authority, a copy can be requested from the Parish Clerk.

2.2 There are reduced rates for parishioners who were born, live or previously lived within Tawstock Parish compared to non-residents of the parish. A resident is defined as somebody who, immediately prior to their death, was a resident of Tawstock Parish, or who was born in the Parish. The rates are shown on the schedule of fees

2.3 All fees relating to the Cemetery must be paid in full in advance.

3. Graves

3.1 Graves will be allocated on a next available basis at the discretion of the Parish Clerk.

3.2 The Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave can be purchased for a period of 30 years. The Exclusive Right of Burial also allows a memorial to be placed on the grave, subject to the Council's memorial regulations.

3.3 A grave may be purchased/reserved in advance. The length of the lease commences on the day of purchase, not when the grave is first used.

3.4 A deed granting the right of interment for 30 years in a grave space will be issued by the Burial Authority and a register of all such grants maintained by the Burial Authority and renewed upon request at an additional fee.

3.5 The Burial Authority will permit up to two grave owners to be named on a deed.

3.6 The Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave must be purchased in order to accommodate a second burial, re-open the grave or erect a memorial.

3.7 In the case of an intended interment (reserved space) in a grave space, where the right of interment has been purchased, the consent of the Grantee must be given under his or her signature.

3.8 The Exclusive Right of Burial can only be transferred to another person via the legal process laid out in the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, i.e., assigned by deed or bequeathed by will.

3.9 The excavation, filling in and turving of graves is to be carried out in accordance with The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 Article 10 and Schedule 2.

3.10 A specific area has been set aside for the burial of Cremated Ashes and Plot Numbers are available from the Parish Clerk. All ashes laid to rest in the Cemetery must be marked with a headstone no higher than 3 feet 6 inches.

3.11. A register of Interments and all other necessary records will be maintained by the Clerk according to The Local Authorities Cemetery's Order 1977 Articles 11 and 12 and Schedule 2.

4. Memorials

4.1 All monuments and vases, together with inscriptions thereon, are subject to the approval of the Burial Authority, and when erected must be kept in repair by, and at the expense of, the respective owners.

4.2 The Burial Authority accepts no responsibility for any damage which may occur to monuments or vases. Those responsible for the upkeep of graves should ensure that adequate insurance cover is taken out.

4.3 It is the responsibility of the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial to repair any memorial deemed to be unsafe.

4.4 The planting of shrubs, or similar is prohibited.

4.7 Memorials will only be permitted on grave spaces that have been purchased and the purchaser must provide prior approval.

5. Any person wilfully destroying or injuring any fence, tree or plant in the Cemetery, or injuring or defacing any monument or any inscription thereon will be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 Articles 18 and 19 and Part 1 or Schedule 2.

6. The Parish Council reserve the right to make further regulations or alter the regulations, as they think necessary.

Tawstock Parish Council and Burial Authority

BURIAL FEES – 2024/2025

PART 1 - INTERMENTS

A)	Body of a still-born child or child whose age at the time of death did not exceed two years	No Charge
B)	Body of a child whose age at time of death exceeded two years but did not exceed 18 years	No Charge
C)	Body of a parishioner whose age at the time of death exceeded 18 years	£185.00
D)	Body of a non-parishioner who was born or had lived in the Parish whose age at time of death exceeded 18 years	£278.00
E)	Body of a non-parishioner whose age at the time of death exceeded 18 years.	£740.00
F)	Cremated remains	£56.00
G)	Re-opening of grave	£185.00

PART 2 - EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL (30 YEARS, RENEWABLE)

H)	Parishioner (child's plot half the fee)	£74.00
I)	Non parishioner but who was born or who had lived in the Parish	£93.00
J)	Non parishioner	£370.00
K)	Cremated remains in a grave 3 ft x 3 ft	£93.00

PART 3 - OTHER CHARGES

L)	Headstone not exceeding 3ft 6ins in height	£46.00
M)	Vase	£28.00
N)	Additional inscription	£19.00
O)	Exhumation of body	£740.00(+ costs)