# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL POLICY

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## **Burial Ground Rules**

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#### HATHERSAGE BURIAL GROUND

Hathersage Parish Council (Burial Ground Committee), being the Burial Authority, is responsible for the administration of the Burial Ground, as established in the Bell Field, Hathersage in 1988.

The Burial Ground will be kept neat and tidy in order to facilitate ease of maintenance and provide a calm and peaceful environment for family and friends to remember loved ones.

Any enquiries should be made to the Clerk, clerk@hathersageparishcouncil.gov.uk.

RULES - the following rules shall be observed

1. Application for Interments shall be made to the Clerk for Hathersage Parish Council.

2. Grave spaces shall be allocated consecutively in order according to the numbers on the plan.

3. Applications for the erection of headstones, simple inscriptions without images in black only shall be made in writing to the Clerk for Hathersage Parish Council, and designs submitted for approval in writing before the work is executed.

4. Headstones, with no plinth, shall be of local gritstone or York gritstone, in a colour that harmonises with the predominant gritstone of the Church building and shall not exceed 76 cm (30 inches) height and width and 7.5 cm (3 inches) thickness.

5. No kerbs, railings or chippings shall be permitted.

6. The Burial Ground shall be maintained in a grassed condition without any permanent earthen mounds for ease of maintenance.

7. No planting on the grave plot shall be permitted except within 15cms (six inches) of the headstone.

8. Vases, or similar plant holders, to contain only natural flowers (not artificial flowers) and shall not exceed 30 cms (12 inches) in height and must be within 15 cms (6 inches) of the headstone. For any other form of container, the consent of the Burial Ground Committee shall be obtained before use.

9. Burials shall be restricted to those persons resident within the catchment area, and/or born within the catchment area which is the Parish of Hathersage as of 2015 and/or have been active members of the community, for a significant part of their lives.

10. Families are asked to remove floral displays and other memorabilia within a reasonable timeframe.

#### NOTES

- a) The Burial Ground Committee can take such action, including the removal of any object, which is necessary for ensuring the observance of the above regulations.
- b) The Fees for Interment and Monuments and the Grants of Rights of Burial are available on enquiry from the Clerk to Hathersage Parish Council.
- c) See also the HPC policy Burial Ground Rules Ashes Section

Please complete and return to:

Ms Maura Sorensen

Clerk to Hathersage Parish Council

Heart of Hathersage

Main Road

Hathersage

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S32 1BB

To Hathersage Burial Ground Committee

I, {name}

acknowledge receipt of a copy of the register entry for a Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial in respect of

Plot Number {number} in Hathersage Burial Ground.

I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Burial Ground Rules and will abide by these. I will pass this information on to any relevant person.

Signed ...... Date .....