

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL POLICY

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## *Policy on Memorial Benches*

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# Hathersage Parish Council: Memorial Benches Policy

## General

1. Hathersage Burial Ground is a consecrated ground, owned and managed by Hathersage Parish Council as the Burial Authority, responsible for the administration of the Burial Ground, as established in the Bell Field, Hathersage in 1988.
2. Memorial benches and plaques shall be restricted to those persons resident 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.
3. Any benches and plaques, whether in the Burial Ground or elsewhere within the Parish, must have received prior permission from Hathersage Parish Council.
4. All benches and plaques are to be paid for by the donor in their entirety (purchasing bench and plaque, making base, and securing to base).

## Alternative Sites

5. Currently there is a mix of benches and individual memorial benches in situ and a wooden board fitted to the wall for plaques to be affixed. Plaques must not be affixed to existing benches. If an alternative site is requested, the Parish Council is happy to discuss any suggestions, however the site is elsewhere, the landlord's permission must be acquired.

## Material, Repair and Maintenance

6. New benches must be brown or grey constructed created solely from UK plastic waste, and the design approved by the Parish Council.
7. When, or if, a bench needs repairing, the Parish Council will write to the last known contact and request repairs to the bench. If the bench is not repaired, it will be removed. It is the contact's responsibility to let the Clerk know of any change of details or personnel.
8. If the bench is not repaired within three months, the Parish Council will assume that the bench is no longer required and arrange for it to be removed.

Please email the Clerk of Hathersage Parish Council with any enquiries or requests about memorial benches or plaques: [clerk@hathersageparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hathersageparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## History of changes

Version	Date	Change detail
02	23 May 2023 (Burial Ground Committee)	a) New eligibility clause b) Removed sites within playing fields c) Amended alternative sites d) Added material, repair, and maintenance section