

Proposal to review fees for WICKHAM MARKET CEMETERY

The fees listed apply where the person to be interred, within a period of three years before death was an inhabitant or parishioner of the parish of **WICKHAM MARKET**, or in the case of a still-born child, where the parents (or one of them) are, at the time of death, such inhabitants or parishioners. In all other cases the, FEES, PAYMENTS and SUMS will be **DOUBLED**, (No Change Proposed)

PART 1 INTERMENTS

The fees indicated under the various headings of items 1,2, and 3 DO NOT include the digging of the grave. (No Change Proposed)

			WMPC Now	ESC 23/24	Proposed For WMPC	%
1.	(i)	of the body of a still-born child, or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month: was,	£158	Nil	Nil	
	(ii)	of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month, but did not exceed 12 years	£158	Nil	Nil	
	(iii)	of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years	£474	£820	£570	20%
2.		for any interment of cremated remains in a grave or vault	£158	£254	£190	20%
3.		for the interment of cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance	£158	£254	£190	20%

PART 2 EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

	(i)	for the exclusive right of burial for a period of 50 years in an earthen grave 7 feet by 3 feet	£316	£3,222 (£1,611 for 25 yrs)	£950 (190 x 5)	300%
Linda has raised concerns over this increase						
	(ii)	for a period of 10 years in an earthen grave 7 feet by 3 feet	£158	£242.5 For 25yrs	£190	20%

PART 3 MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES, TABLETS and MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

The fees indicated under the various heading of this part include the first inscription

	(i)	a Headstone not exceeding 1 metre in height	£262	£249 + VAT = £298.80	£275	5%
	(ii)	a Flower Vase, with or without inscription	£158	£111 +VAT = £133.20	£158	0%
	(iii)	a Plaque, 12" by 18" in Garden of Remembrance	£158	£145 + VAT = £174	£158	0%
		For each additional inscription	£62	£62.75 +VAT = £75.30	£70	12%

PART 4 MINISTERS FEES						
		The fee payable for a Minister officiating at an interment	£48			
PART 5 REGISTRARS FEES						
		For a Transfer of Grant of Burial	£22	£70	£28	20%
		Searching Register of Burials for one year	£22	£52.50 + VAT = £63	£28	20%
		For every additional year	£12		£14	20%
		For a certified copy of entry in Register of Burials	£22	£28.75 + VAT = £34.50	£28	20%

There are a number of options that ESC Offer (see below) that WMPC appear not to including:

- Double and Treble depth Graves
- Unmarked graves
- Green burials
- Appointment with cemetery staff
- Cemetery staff locating and marking grave
- Personal search of burial records (per register)
- Statutory declaration relating to burial records
- Updating grants of exclusive rights of burial Transfer of grant of right of burial

These may be something to consider for the future

Summary

- The broadly 20% increase suggested at the E&L committee meeting would have increased 22/23 receipts by c£1.3k to c£7.8k which would reduce the expected deficit to c£2.3k.
- Had this increase been applied in 21/22 the receipts would probably have increased from £9.9k to £11.8k, creating a £1,8k surplus
- Cemetery Operating costs are generally £10k - £11k.

Annex 1 – Extract from ESC 23/24 charges

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Your-Council/Financial-Information/Fees-and-Charges/discretionary-fees-and-charges-2023-24.pdf>

3.9 Cemeteries

Interment charges are doubled for anyone not registered at the time of death as a resident of East Suffolk. However, if a resident has been required to move out of the area for medical care or to a nursing home within the last two years due to ill-health, a single fee would apply. Proof of previous residency and date of move would be required by the Cemeteries Office with the Notice of Interment. It is the responsibility of the family or Funeral Director to provide this information, failure to do so will result in the payment of double fees.

*Fees detailed below marked "**", are not applicable for grave spaces where Exclusive Right of Burial was purchased between 1st May 1995 and 1st April 2003*

Interments (first and subsequent) for Purchased Graves	2023/24	VAT Status
Stillborn child or aged under 18 years	No Charge	OS
A person over age 18		
- Standard Depth	£820.00	OS
- Double Depth	£967.00	OS
- Treble Depth	£1,120.00	OS
For the interment of ashes in a grave or ashes plot	£254.00	OS
For the interment of two sets of ashes at the same time	£334.00	OS
For the scattering of ashes	£111.50	OS
For the interment of body parts to an existing grave	£203.00	OS
Interments (first and subsequent) for Common Graves / Unmarked Graves	2023/24	VAT Status
Stillborn child or aged under 18 years	No Charge	OS
A person over age 18		
- Standard Depth	£601.50	OS
- Double Depth	£701.50	OS
- Treble Depth	£890.50	OS
Cancellation of burial arrangements 48 hours prior to burial	50% of fee	OS
Cancellation of burial arrangements less the 48 hours prior to burial	100% of fee	OS
Exhumation		
- Of a body	£1,203.00	S
- Of cremated remains	£487.00	S
Exclusive Right of Burial (Period of 25 years) - Excludes Common/Unpurchased graves		
For exclusive right of burial in an earthen grave space 9' x 4' (2743mm x 1219mm)	£1,611.00	OS
For exclusive right of burial in an earthen ashes plot 2' x 2' (609mm x 609mm)	£1,497.50	OS
For exclusive right of burial in a children's plot 5' x 2' (1524mm x 609mm)	£495.50	OS
For exclusive right of burial in a children's plot 3' x 2' (914mm x 609mm)	£460.00	OS
Extension of Exclusive Right of Burial for a Period of 10 years		
- In an earthen grave space 9' x 4' (2743mm x 1219mm)	£242.50	OS
- In an earthen ashes plot 2' x 2' (609mm x 609mm)	£162.00	OS
Monuments and Headstones (Memorials permitted on any section, including lawns)		
Headstones, crosses etc. (maximum height of 36"/920mm)*	£249.00	S
Headstones, crosses etc. on children's graves and on ashes plots (maximum height 24"/609mm)*	£141.25	S
Headstones, crosses etc. on gardens of rest ashes plots (maximum height 24"/609mm) Aldeburgh, Leiston & Saxmundham only	£145.50	S
A plaque or desk (maximum height 6"/152mm)*	£145.50	S
A plaque on memorial wall 9" x 6" (229mm x 152mm)	£249.00	S
Flower vase with inscription (maximum height 11 3/4"/300mm)*	£111.00	S
For every additional inscription	£62.75	S
Kerb Sets (Traditional Section only) - Excludes headstone fee	2023/24	VAT Status
For single grave space		
- Stillborn child or aged under 18 years (max length 24"/610mm)*	No charge	OS
- A full kerb set (max length 83"/2100mm)*	£276.00	S
- A half kerb set (length between 19" and 42"/480mm and 1050mm)*	£145.50	S
- A small kerb set (maximum length 19"/480mm)*	£111.00	S
For double grave space		
- A full kerb set (max length 83"/2100mm)*	£551.50	S
- A half kerb set (length between 19" and 42"/480mm and 1050mm)*	£336.50	S
- A small kerb set (maximum length 19"/480mm)*	£256.50	S
All areas		
Memorial renovation/replacement/application	£52.00	S
Other charges		
Use of cemetery chapel	£195.00	EX
Appointment with cemetery staff	£52.50	S
Cemetery staff locating and marking grave	£52.50	S
Staff search of burial records (per register)	£52.50	S
Personal search of burial records (per register)	£28.75	S
For a certified copy of entry in register or burials	£28.75	S
Statutory declaration relating to burial records	£121.50	OS
Updating grants of exclusive rights of burial	£40.50	S
Transfer of grant of right of burial	£70.00	OS
Green Burial Site	2023/24	VAT Status
Interments (first and subsequent) burial fees		
Stillborn child or aged under 18 years	No Charge	OS
A person over age 18 (single depth)	£584.00	OS
For the interment of ashes in a grave or ashes plot	£249.00	OS
For the interment of two sets of ashes at the same time	£324.50	OS
For the scattering of ashes	£111.50	OS
Provision of plaque on memorial board	£72.50	S