

## Ashes Plot Stages 2026-2027

### Stage One - Purchasing the plot

Anyone can purchase an ashes plot in Mount Noddy Cemetery although there are differing fees for Parishioners and Non-Parishioners, these are shown on our Cemetery Fees and Charges which can be found on our website, please see the link below. If the person purchasing the plot (Deed Holder) lives within the Parish of East Grinstead (this is confirmed by the electoral register), the cost of purchasing the deed (Exclusive Right of Ownership for a term of 50 years) to the plot is **£221** / the fee for non-residents is **£884**.

Once purchased, a deed document will be issued to be kept as proof of ownership, but you don't have to wait for this to come through prior to arranging the interment. As soon as the plot has been purchased, it can be used. Each GOR (Garden of Remembrance) plot can hold two sets of ashes. If you decide to go ahead and purchase, the next available Garden of Remembrance plot is allocated for you so that you have the plot number to proceed with stage two and/or three should you wish to. The plots we currently have available are directly behind the memorial wall which you see as you come through the road entrance to Mount Noddy Cemetery.

Payment can be made by cheque payable to East Grinstead Town Council or bank transfer – see below.

### Stage Two – Arranging the Interment

The cost for interment of an individual who was a resident (confirmed via the electoral register) is £126 (for non-residents the fee is £504) - this covers all associated administration and the preparation of the plot before and after burial.

To arrange an interment date and time (you can call and discuss in the first instant) please complete and return a Notice of Interment form (also found on our website) with the details that you have and this needs to include the proposed Deed Holder. In addition, we will need to be in receipt of the original Certificate of Cremation prior to the interment taking place so a copy of this would be helpful at this time. We can usually accommodate anytime between 9:30 and 2:30pm Monday to Friday (subject to existing bookings).

We try and make it a rule that we never double book – it's a large public cemetery but we think it's nice for families to know that their service is the only one happening at that time. There is no time limit to how long you can spend with us either, we leave you to place the ashes into the plot in your own time and way (you can either retain the ashes in the container they are currently in or pour the ashes directly into the plot – if you need us to help with this please just ask - we do try and encourage the use of biodegradable urns / ashes containers as much as possible).

Generally, most families choose to do their own thing for the interment, but you are more than welcome to arrange for a celebrant or member of the clergy etc to be present if desired. We have no issue if you wish to bring a small portable Bluetooth speaker on the day to play a significant piece of music. In addition to the ashes, it is important to bring the accompanying Certificate of Cremation too as we need to retain these for our records.

If anyone attending has mobility issues, please let me know – depending on the ground conditions we can sometimes acquire a chair or two for people to sit on - there are also benches situated nearby. Understanding that particularly for young attendees, the day can feel even more incomprehensible than it is for us as adults, we have found some families choose to have them more involved by

decorating the ashes box / writing letters / sprinkling dried rose petals (we've even had some biodegradable fairy dust used by little ones!) to ensure, as much as is possible, that the experience is a positive one that reflects a celebration of life. As mentioned above, you can spend as much or as little time as you wish – once you feel ready for us to come and respectfully complete the burial, we'll be ready when you are and you are welcome to assist with this (again, some families choose to stay and watch / assist, others prefer to pop back later on)

### **Stage Three – The Memorial Tablet**

We are not particularly strict on the colour stone used or the inscription (providing it's in keeping with the environment and isn't offensive which fortunately we've never had!). We do not use or recommend a particular stonemason so you will need to find one yourself, but they will take care of liaising with us to secure a memorial permit (the cost of the permit is included in the purchase of the plot).

The only criteria that must be adhered to is the tablet size: 16" x 16" x 2" and that the plot number must be added to the face of the memorial tablet. Depending on the stonemasons' commitments, it can take a good 12-16 weeks at least for a tablet to be made. Some families wish to get the ball rolling on this prior to the interment, others after – it makes no difference to us so again don't worry about this.

There are no time expectations from us on you arranging a memorial tablet, for many families there can be a need to save for the cost of the memorial – you can choose to do this whenever you wish whether it be months or years down the road. We do recommend that room is left for a second inscription if the intent is for a second interment to be made in the future.

We think this covers everything but if there is anything that is unclear or there is something else you would like to ask about, please don't hesitate to get back to me.

### **Payment Details:**

Cheques payable to: East Grinstead Town Council

Or bank transfer to: Account Name: East Grinstead Town Council  
Account Number: 72733837  
Sort Code: 60-07-17

Cemetery website link:

<https://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/the-council/services/burial-services/>