



**PARISH OF ST HELIER  
PARKS & CEMETERIES**

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**Cemetery Regulations**

These Regulations and any amendments thereto shall apply to the Cemeteries within the Parish of St Helier which are administered by the Parochial Authority and all burial permits/rights issued after the promulgation of these Regulations shall be deemed to be issued subject thereto and any future amendment thereof.

The Cemeteries referred to above are presently:

Green Street Cemetery  
Almorah Cemetery  
Mont à l'Abbé Cemetery (Old)  
Mont à l'Abbé Cemetery (New)  
Surville Cemetery  
Surville Cemetery 2013 Extension

1. Graves shall be single plots with measurements as follows:

Green Street Cemetery	2ft. 6in. x 7ft. 6in.
Almorah Cemetery	2ft. 6in. x 7ft. 6in.
Mont à l'Abbé Cemetery (Old)	2ft. 6in. x 8ft.
Mont à l'Abbé Cemetery (New)	2ft. 6in. x 8ft.
Surville Cemetery	3ft. 4in. x 7ft.
Ashes for Ashes	3ft. 4in. x 3ft. 6in.
Perinatal Section	1ft 9in x 3ft (21 inches x 36 inches)
Surville Cemetery 2013 Extension	3ft 9in (1170mm) x 8ft 8in (2640mm)

Additional Regulations Surville Cemetery 2013 Extension, Regulation 31.

There shall be a maximum of three interments in any burial plot.

- No person shall be permitted to purchase burial rights in a second grave and no burial right shall be purchased in advance.
- Graves shall be issued in consecutive order as numbered at Surville.
- The Purchaser of burial rights shall be hereinafter referred to as 'the Proprietor'. Burial rights confer upon the Proprietor, subject to these Regulations and any amendments thereto the right to bury up to three St Helier parishioners in the grave to which the burial right applies. The rights of burial may only be transferred by a proprietor to a third party inter vivos with the prior written consent of the Constable or his duly designated representative, which consent can be withheld in the absolute discretion of the Constable. After the death of the Proprietor the principal heir shall hold burial

rights, unless otherwise disposed of by Testamentary Disposition, upon completion of a Deed of Transfer.

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  - a) If there shall have been no burial in a grave for 15 years after the issue of a burial right and the original Proprietor cannot be traced by writing to their last known address, then the burial right will revert to the Parish and may be otherwise disposed of by the Parish.
  - b) Where after the expiration of a period of 50 years from the last burial the Proprietor cannot be traced by writing to their last known address, the burial right shall revert to the Parish.
6. Opening a grave for the introduction of a cremation urn shall be considered a burial for record purposes.
7. Strict rules apply to exhumations, details of which may be obtained from the Constable or his duly delegated representative.
8. Coffins must be buried at least two feet in depth from the lid of the coffin to the surface of the ground.
9. Permission for the burial of a non-parishioner (including the Proprietor) will only be granted in exceptional circumstances by the Constable or his duly delegated representative. The following persons are deemed to be parishioners: -
  - a) Persons who own real property in the Parish of St Helier at the date of their death;
  - b) Persons who have been permanently resident and domiciled in the Parish of St Helier immediately prior to the time of death; and
  - c) Where a parishioner has purchased burial rights and a burial has taken place, a non-parishioner relative of the proprietor may be buried. Non-parishioner rates may apply at the absolute discretion of the Constable or his duly delegated representative.
10. A minimum period of two working days' notice shall be given of an interment to the Superintendent who will arrange a time convenient to the management of the Cemeteries except for Muslim (24 hours) & Jewish (48 hours) burials, where the respective Law applies.
11. Burials will not be permitted on a Saturday except in very exceptional circumstances. Applications to be made to the Superintendent of Cemeteries, whose decision shall be final. Extra charges will be made.
12. For burials on Saturday or Bank Holidays, permission shall be required from the Constables, whose decision shall be final. Extra charges will be made.
13. Permission is required for any memorial and the design of that memorial shall be submitted to the Constable (or his authorised representatives), whose decision in the matter will be final by the Parish issuing a Monumental Permit. Memorials over four feet high will not be permitted. For Surville 2013 Extension see Regulation 31. No firm order should be given for the purchase or construction of a gravestone or memorial until the necessary permission has been obtained.

14. All tombstones and kerbs must be set on proper foundations, piled down to below a 6 foot 6 inches level and to be to the satisfaction of the Constable (or his duly delegated representative). For Surville 2013 Extension see Regulation 31.
15. Photographs or portraits are permitted on tombstones provided that they are not more than 4 inches x 4 inches and of an approved ceramic or encapsulated type, to the satisfaction of the Constable or his duly delegated representative. The Constable reserves the right to have photographs etc removed which have deteriorated.
16. No grave shall be opened or memorial erected thereon without the permission of the proprietor of the grave or his duly authorised representative, e.g. the funeral director.
17. Memorials may not be removed from Cemeteries for any purpose without the permission of the Superintendent.
18. Cement beds, border tiles, railings, chains or metal bars on graves are not permitted, except where already existing.
19. All memorials, kerbs and other paraphernalia removed for burials must be replaced within 6 months back onto the plot or else they will be removed from the Cemetery by the Parish at the expense of the Grave Owner.
20. Vaults of any kind are not permitted. Block lined graves are permitted to the specification of the Constable or his duly delegated representative.
21. Monumental masons and others carrying out work in the Cemetery shall leave the work area in a clean and tidy condition, removing all debris from the Cemetery without delay. Monumental worked removed prior to a burial must be kept in the secure storage at Surville Cemetery or stored within their premises securely. The Proprietor employing the monumental masons and others will be responsible for any costs incurred by the Parish in clearing any debris etc.

#### **21A – Monument Restrictions**

- a) The maximum height of the visible part of any headstone is 900mm (3 foot). The maximum width is 760mm (2 foot 6 inches). The minimum thickness must be 75mm (3 inches) and the maximum thickness 100mm (4 inches).
- b) Any plinth at the base of a headstone may be up to a maximum depth front to back of 380mm (1 foot 3 inches), and insets for vases or pots will be allowed in the plinth.
- c) All memorials (including replacements) erected in the cemetery will be installed in accordance with the standards laid down by the National Association of Memorial Masons ('NAMM') in existence at the time of installation.
- d) Kerbstones on new graves are permitted.

#### **Perinatal Section at Surville**

- a) The maximum height of the visible part of any headstone is 22 inches (1 foot 10 inches). The maximum width is 21 inches (1 foot 9 inches). The maximum length is 36 inches (3 foot).
22. Wooden cross temporary markers to an approved specification may be erected for a maximum period of 12 months, after which time the Superintendent shall have them removed.

23. Proprietors of graves shall be responsible for the upkeep of memorials etc. If these are allowed to fall into disrepair the Constable or his duly delegated representative reserves the right to have them removed at the expense of the Proprietor. In the event of an existing vault becoming dangerous due to subsidence or any other cause, the Constable or his duly delegated representative reserves the right to take such action as may be deemed necessary to render the vault safe at the expense of the Proprietor.
24. Artificial flowers and plastic ornaments etc. will only be permitted on kerbed graves and on tombstones with ledges and will not be permitted on un-kerbed graves or grassed areas. For safety reasons glass domes will not be permitted in any Cemetery.
25. The Superintendent shall remove old wreaths, dead flowers, artificial flowers and plastic ornaments as required.
26. The planting of trees or shrubs on graves is not permitted other than by the Parish.
27. Where for the purpose and object of beautifying the amenities of the Cemeteries trees are planted therein, the Constable or his duly delegated representative will not under any circumstances accept responsibility for any damage to tombstones, monuments, kerbs, vases or the like which may be caused by the trees, branches or roots thereof, nor for any other damage caused by storm or otherwise beyond the control of the Parochial Authorities.
28. Cycling is not permitted within any of the Parochial Cemeteries.
29. Dogs are not permitted within any of the Parochial Cemeteries, with the exception of Assistance Dogs.
30. The scale of fees for graves, interments and the placing of monuments etc. may be changed by the Constable as circumstances may require from time to time giving not less than one month's written notice to the funeral directors and monumental masons.
31. **Additional Regulations for Surville Extension 2013**
  - a) No items will be allowed on the soil or grass area of the grave.
  - b) Grass will be sown.
32. The Constable may amend these Regulations and any amendments shall be effective once published on the notice boxes at the Cemeteries and at the Office of the Superintendent.
33. Please visit our website for current Cemetery charges – [www.sthelier.je/cemeteries](http://www.sthelier.je/cemeteries).



## **BURIAL CHARGES – PARISH OF ST HELIER** **1 January 2025**

	<b>PARISHIONER</b>	<b>NON - PARISHIONER</b>
<b>Burial (1<sup>st</sup> Burial) &amp; Re-opening normal Plot</b>	<b>£430.00</b>	<b>£850.00</b>
<b>Exclusive Burial Rights</b>	<b>£450.00</b>	<b>£890.00</b>
<b>Ashes (1<sup>st</sup> Burial) &amp; Re-opening ashes plot</b>	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£440.00</b>
<b>Exclusive Burial Rights</b>	<b>£230.00</b>	<b>£450.00</b>
<b>Muslim (1 Burial only)</b>	<b>£430.00</b>	<b>£430.00</b>
<b>Exclusive Burial Rights</b>	<b>£450.00</b>	<b>£450.00</b>
<b>Jewish (1 Burial only)</b>	<b>£430.00</b>	<b>£430.00</b>
<b>Child/Babies Plots</b>	<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Exclusive Burial Rights</b>	<b>No Charge</b>	<b>No Charge</b>

### **NO CHARGE FOR BABIES BURIALS & MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS**

For an explanation of Parishioner and Non-Parishioner rights to burial please see our Cemetery Regulations - Section 9.

### **Burials other Parishes (Discretionary)**

- Other Parishes digging and back fill - **Charge: £850.00** + (depending on site assessment).

### **Burials for Parish of St. Helier**

- Out of Hours charge for one member of cemetery staff (minimum of 4 hours per person) (Monday to Friday – 14.00 to 06.00) (Saturday – all day) - **£40.00** per hour (Sunday all day) - **£50.00** per hour (no change to fee for 2024).

### **Monument/Memorial Charges**

- All NEW memorials incur a fee of **10%** of the total cost to the customer of the monumental mason, except in perinatal section.
- Any memorial requests that require an application permit for any work to be carried out on existing memorials will incur an additional administration charge of **£40.00**.
- Existing memorials that require moving prior to a burial a charge of **£350.00** for removal and placing back within 6 months (**NOT REINSTATEMENT**) will be charged by the Monumental Masons to the Funeral Directors and clients will be advised prior to the burial.
- Transfer of Grave Ownership – a **£30.00** administration charge will apply.
- Parish of St Helier – administration charge for enquiries - **£35.00**  
Overseas Bank transfer charges are to be covered by Payee.

***NB Increases effective from 01/01/2025 based on September RPI 2024 with an uplift.***