

## 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	76cm x 229cm
Almorah Cemetery	76cm x 229cm
Mont à l'Abbé Cemetery (Old)	76cm x 244cm
Mont à l'Abbé Cemetery (New)	79cm x 244cm
Surville Cemetery	102cm x 213cm
Ashes for Ashes	102cm x 107cm
Perinatal Section	53cm x 91cm
Surville Cemetery 2013 Extension	114cm x 244cm

Additional Regulations Surville Cemetery 2013 Extension, Regulation 28.

There shall be a maximum of three coffin interments and six ashes interments in any burial plot.

2. No person shall be permitted to purchase burial rights in a second grave, and no burial right shall be purchased in advance.
3. Graves shall be issued in consecutive order as numbered at Surville.
4. 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 (or his authorised representatives). 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.
5. 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.
- c) Purchasing the Exclusive Burials Rights in the grave space (not the purchase of the land itself) for 100 years from the first interment, does not include any interment costs. No further interments can take place unless the Exclusive Burials Rights are renewed for a further 100 years and a Grant Certificate is issued.

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 61cm 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 will apply.
10. A minimum period of two working days' notice shall be given of an interment to the Constable (or his authorised representatives), 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, Sunday or Bank Holiday except in very exceptional circumstances. Applications to be made to the Constable (or his authorised representatives), whose decision shall be final.
12. 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 122cm will not be permitted. For Surville 2013 Extension see Regulation 28. No firm order should be given for the purchase or construction of a gravestone or memorial until the necessary permission has been obtained.
13. All tombstones and kerbs must be set on proper foundations, piled down to below 198cm, level and to be to the satisfaction of the Constable (or his duly delegated representative). For Surville 2013 Extension see Regulation 28.
14. Photographs or portraits are permitted on tombstones provided that they are not more than 10cm x 10cm and of an approved ceramic or encapsulated type, to the satisfaction of the Constable (or his duly delegated representative). The Constable (or his authorised representative) reserves the right to have photographs etc removed which have deteriorated.
15. 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.

16. Memorials may not be removed from Cemeteries for any purpose without the permission of the Constable (or his duly delegated representative).
17. Cement beds, border tiles, railings, chains or metal bars on graves are not permitted, except where already existing.
18. 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.
19. Vaults of any kind are not permitted. Block lined graves are permitted to the specification of the Constable (or his duly delegated representative).
20. 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 work 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.
21. Wooden cross temporary markers to an approved specification may be erected for a maximum period of 12 months, after which time the Constable (or his duly delegated representative) shall have them removed.

#### **21a – Monument Restrictions**

- a) The maximum height of the visible part of the headstone is 91cm and the visible part of the full memorial, including the headstone is 122cm.
- b) The maximum width is of the headstone is 76cm, with the maximum width of the full memorial being the allocated size of the grave, as mentioned in Regulation 1.
- c) The maximum length of the memorial is the allocated size of the grave, as mentioned in Regulation 1.
- d) The minimum thickness of the headstone must be 7.6cm and the maximum thickness 10cm.
- e) Any plinth at the base of a headstone may be up to a maximum depth front to back of 38cm, and insets for vases or pots will be allowed in the plinth.
- f) 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.
- g) Kerbstones on new graves are permitted.

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

- a) The maximum height of the visible part of any headstone is 56cm, the maximum width is 53cm and the maximum length is 91cm.
22. 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.

23. 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.
24. The Constable (or his duly delegated representative) shall remove old wreaths, dead flowers, artificial flowers and plastic ornaments as required.
25. The planting of trees or shrubs on graves is not permitted other than by the Parish.
26. 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.
27. The scale of fees for graves, interments and the placing of monuments etc. may be changed by the Constable (or his authorised representatives), as circumstances may require from time to time giving not less than one month's written notice to the funeral directors and monumental masons.
28. **Additional Regulations for Survill Extension 2013**
  - a) No items will be allowed on the soil or grass area of the grave.
  - b) Grass will be sown.
29. The Constable (or his authorised representatives) may amend these Regulations, and any amendments shall be effective once published on the notice boxes at the Cemeteries and on our Parish website.
30. Please visit our website for current Cemetery charges – **[www.sthelier.je/cemeteries](http://www.sthelier.je/cemeteries)**.

#### **Other Cemetery Rules**

31. Cycling is not permitted within any of the Parochial Cemeteries.
32. Dogs are not permitted within any of the Parochial Cemeteries, with the exception of Assistance Dogs.