**COMBE HAY CEMETERY RULES**

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**1.Qualifying criteria and Rules**

1. Combe Hay Cemetery is owned and managed by Combe Hay Parish Council on behalf of the community. All enquiries should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council, whose contact details may be found at <http://combehaypc.org.uk/contact-us/>
2. Only present or former residents (of at least 15 years) of Combe Hay Parish for have the right to be buried or to have their ashes interred in Combe Hay Cemetery.
3. Qualifying individuals may during their lifetime purchase exclusive use of a grave or ashes plot.
4. The executors or relatives of anyone else with a strong connection to the parish may apply to the Parish Council for permission for that person to be buried or have their ashes interred. The council will consider each case on its merits.
5. At least one week’s notice of intended burial in a purchased plot must be given to the Council
6. Exclusive use of a plot is for a term of 99 years (not ‘in perpetuity’).
7. Permission for any memorial must be obtained from the Parish Council. Drawings, proposed wording and construction details must be provided.
8. A register and plan of plots is maintained by the Parish Council.

**2. Technical specifications**

a.The size of a grave plot is 2’ 6” x 8’

b. Companion grave plots are ‘double deep’, not double width.

c. The maximum permitted size for a headstone is 2’ x 1’ x 4".

d. Horizontal kerbs around grave plots are not permitted for new graves.

e. The dimensions for an ashes plot are 2’ x 3’

f. Plots on the new part of the cemetery will be allocated in a consecutive order.

j. Ashes must be buried in the ground or in a biodegradable container. They may not be scattered.

h. The burial ground is not consecrated.

i. The Parish Council reserves the right to lay down on the ground any memorial found, on the application of reasonable hand pressure, not to be stable.

**3. General Rules:**

a. Dogs must be kept on a lead in the cemetery.

**CHARGES**

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| **Purchase of grave space** |  |
| Single plot | £300 |
| Double plot (deep) | £500 |
| Purchase of plot for cremated remains  | £150 |
| Memorial fee for a headstone, etc. for a grave:  | £100 |
| Memorial fee for a headstone, etc. for interred ashes: | £100 |