

Fees and Terms & Conditions

Plot Purchase and Burial Fees

The scale of fees charged for plot purchase or reservation are the same for the Original Formal, New Formal and Woodland Burial Grounds. The Council requests that, where plots are reserved by purchasers for their own use, they are notified of the contact details for the next of kin, or the person to which ownership of the plot will transfer, if known.

Different scales of fees are charged as follows:

- a. If the residence of the deceased or the plot owner is in the Civil Parish of Chesham Bois at the date of death or at the date of reservation; or where a resident has passed away in a nursing home or hospice outside of the parish having moved from the civil parish in the previous 24 months, or longer at the Clerk's discretion. **Single Fees**
- b. If the residence of the deceased or the plot owner is in the Ecclesiastical Parish but outside the civil boundary at the date of death or at the date of reservation: **Single Fees + ½**
- c. If neither the deceased nor the plot owner is a resident of the Parish: **Double Fees**

1. For the exclusive right of burial for 99 years (maximum 4 owners at any one time)

A full-size adult plot	£400
A small plot for an ashes casket	£300
A family plot (double width, double depth)	£750
<i>Family plots are only available within the Original and New Formal Burial Grounds</i>	

2. For the interment of coffins and caskets of ashes

For an infant under 12 months or foetus	Free of Charge
For a child under 18 years	£100
For an adult	£300
For casket of ashes	£100
For scattering of ashes	No charge

Please discuss with the Sexton prior to scattering ashes.

3. Sexton's Fee: £50

For the services of the Council's employee who attends the burial

4. Gravedigger's Fee paid directly

5. Minister's Fee paid directly

6. Hire of the Chapel £50

The Council must approve gravediggers.

All fees due to the Council are payable in advance of the burial.

Burial Records Fees

Fees associated with Burial Records should be paid as specified by the Clerk of the Council.

Search Fees for copies of Burial Record £10 per hour or part thereof

Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial Free

The Council reserve the right to charge an appropriate administration fee (£10 per hour or part thereof) for frequent, or non-standard transfers.

Terms and Conditions of Use

1. Plots are purchased for a period of 99 years. The Exclusive Rights of Burial is a deed of grant issued to the purchaser of the grave. This deed entitles the holder to determine who is buried in the grave and apply for a Memorial Permit. If the ownership of a deed has changed, proof will need to be provided to the Council before any interment can take place.
2. At the end of the 99-year period of the Exclusive Right of Burial, the owners shall have the choice of renewing that right subject to the rules and regulations in force at that time.
3. Where Plots are reserved by purchasers for their own use, it is recommended that the Council is notified of the contact details for the next of kin, or the person to which ownership of the plot will transfer, if known.
4. The purchaser of a reserved plot is responsible for informing the Council of any change of address. If after 20 years Council are unable to contact the purchaser, the reserved plot may be offered to another family.
5. Full payment for plots and interments must be received prior to burial taking place.
6. Memorials can be erected only in the formal burial areas and are the sole responsibility of the registered owner of the burial plot. They can be installed when the owner is in possession of a valid Memorial Permit from the Council
7. The registered owner of a plot with a memorial installed prior to 2017 will be contacted following the first Council safety inspection after 2017 and a safety permit issued if the memorial is in satisfactory condition. Safety inspections occur every five years.
8. Planting on graves in the formal areas is permitted as long as it is appropriate and in keeping with the area. Plants with the potential to grow into large shrubs will be removed by the Council as these can affect the foundations of memorials nearby. No trees are permitted.
9. Planting on graves in the woodland area is permitted only in accordance with Council's planting regulations.
10. Council reserve the right to revise these terms and conditions.