
This guide is for information only and may be subject to change.

Please contact the Clerk if you have any questions and also visit the parish website at www.stathernparish.co.uk to find out more about the cemeteries.

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Burial Grounds

Stathern Parish Council has two cemeteries available for burial, Toft's Hill Cemetery and a new cemetery on Moor Lane.

Toft's Hill cemetery has been accepting burials since 1938 and is situated in a peaceful area overlooking the village. There are both consecrated and un-consecrated plots available and plots specifically for cremated remains.

Moor Lane cemetery is a new cemetery recently planted with native woodland trees and will provide both traditional and natural burials.

Stathern residents can pre-purchase a burial plot.

Purchasing a burial plot

When purchasing a burial plot, what you are buying is the right to be buried in a grave in the cemetery (Exclusive Right of Burial). You are not buying the land as this remains the property of the Parish Council.

The Exclusive Right of Burial means you:-

- **can be buried in the grave**
- **can authorise further burials in the plot, if space is available**
- **can place an inscribed memorial on the grave or give permission for an additional inscription to be added**

This right to be buried (Deed of Grant) lasts for 60 years from date of purchase and can easily be extended up to a maximum of 90 years.

The fee paid at the time of purchasing the exclusive right of burial is for the reservation of the grave space only and there will still be a charge for the actual burial when the time comes.

If you decide you wish to be buried elsewhere, please let the parish council know and your purchase price will be refunded (this will be the price paid and not the current price for a new grave space). Alternatively ownership can be transferred either during the current owners lifetime or after death to the executor of the will (if one has been made and subject to the necessary paperwork).

Memorials

Memorial headstones and memorial ashes plaques are permitted in the Toft's Hill Cemetery subject to approval of design, size and wording by the Parish Council.

No memorials are permitted in the green burial area of Moor Lane cemetery.

All memorials are the responsibility of the owner/family and must be installed to current industry standards by a BRAMM registered stonemason. Stones will be inspected for safety on a regular basis and if one is felt to be unsafe the owner will be asked to put this right. Headstones will be laid flat if an owner is not able to be found.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please keep your Deed of Grant safe and ensure your family know where it is kept as it may be required prior to burial.

Inform the Parish Council of any change of address or if ownership is to be transferred.

Funeral directors will arrange details directly with the council relating to the burial but please contact the Clerk if you have any queries or questions.