

Welcome to Whitbourne Churchyard.

Here are some things you may need to know about it.

The churchyards are maintained by our Parish church. The Interim Minister has authority over the Churchyard, within the regulations set out by Hereford Diocese. These regulations are intended to create and maintain a place of peace, dignity and respect for the departed, which is sustainable in the long term.

All whose names are on the church electoral roll, who die in the parish, or have close connection with the village of Whitbourne can be buried here. The Upper Churchyard is open for either burials or the internment of ashes. The churchyard around the church is now only for the internment of ashes.

Hereford Diocese Regulations:-

GENERAL

After a burial, a small mound of earth will usually be left. After about a year this should be levelled. Once this is done an application can be made for the introduction of a memorial. The design and wordings of any memorial or headstone must be approved by the Interim Minister.

MEMORIALS

Memorials with inscriptions are welcome, as a focus for our own memories, and to assist with accurate parish record keeping and family research. The materials used and their design and inscription need to be agreed in advance with the Interim Minister, and to take into account health & safety and ease of maintenance. (Natural materials only and in sympathy with the surroundings. All surfaces to be non-reflective.)

The removal or repair of a headstone, and any added inscriptions, can only be done with the permission of the Interim Minister.

FLOWERS

The planting of flowering annuals is welcome - but not perennials, shrubs, bushes and trees.

Cut flowers, in a container, may be placed on a grave. Artificial flowers are not encouraged. For health and safety reasons glass containers are not allowed.

Thank you for following these guidelines. We appreciate your help in maintaining the beauty of this place. Once flowers, wreaths etc. are faded, please take them and any wrappings or containers away. There are no Council refuse and recycling collections from here.

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