



Milespit New Lawn Cemetery

Milespit Hill, Mill Hill, London NW7 2RR

Important Information for Grave Ownership

Introduction:

This information leaflet provides some useful information and is a short summary of the appropriate sections of the Cemetery & Crematorium Rules & Regulations. The full rules and regulations are available either in the Cemetery Office or on the Councils Website and were revised and approved by Council Committee in 2017.

Purchased Leased Grave:

The purchase of a grave, correctly known as “exclusive right of burial” may be bought subject to following the rules and regulations of the Cemetery. The exclusive right of burial does not give you any ownership of the land, it only entitles you to decide who is permitted to be interred in that grave.

Permanent Memorials:

You are welcome to place a permanent memorial on your grave.

Milespit New Cemetery is a Lawn Cemetery, only headstones will be permitted. Kerb and landing sets will not be permitted

All memorials at Milespit New Cemetery must be installed to British Standard 8145 and only stonemasons registered with NAMM (National Association of Monumental Masons) are permitted to work on site. A permit to install a headstone or memorial must be obtained from the Cemetery Office prior to the installation works taking place.

Only the registered grave owner can apply for a permit to install a new memorial, or to alter or add an inscription to an existing memorial or any renovations works to memorials.

We will not issue a permit for a new memorial for a minimum of twelve months after an interment.

For the sake of clarity, you do not have any rights over the space between graves.

This diagram/picture is an example of what is **ONLY Permitted** in Milesplit New Lawn Cemetery and the dimensions for this type of lawn memorial are Height 4ft 6" & Width 2ft 6".



This type of Memorial design below is **NOT Permitted**



Temporary Memorials including flowers

Any temporary memorial as below will not be permitted, you must respect the fact that Milesplit New Cemetery is a Lawn Cemetery Only, and the below is not authorised or permitted.

- Plants and shrubs must not be planted on graves.
- Flowers bouquets may be placed on graves, they must be real flowers, artificial flowers are not permitted.
- Wooden, brick, stone or plastic grave surrounds are not permitted
- Seats/Benches are not permitted in the cemetery.

The Cemetery Manager has the authority to remove any unauthorised memorials

Memorial Maintenance and Repair:

We appreciate that a grave memorial can involve a considerable investment by you. It is entirely your responsibility to look after, maintain and repair your memorial.

It must be noted that the Cemetery is not responsible or liable for any damage to your memorial.

The Cemetery is a public open space and all property including memorials is left at the grave owners' risk. This includes acts of nature, vandalism, damage by vehicles etc.

We strongly recommend that you INSURE YOUR MEMORIAL. Application forms for insurance are attached or available from the Cemetery office. Other insurance companies are available

Access for Burials and Grounds Maintenance:

Occasionally it is necessary to move a headstone or memorial to allow access for our gravediggers to prepare a nearby grave for a burial. Under these circumstances, the memorial will be removed and replaced by a fully qualified Memorial Mason at the Cemeteries expense.

If it becomes necessary for your memorial to be moved for a further interment, this can be arranged either via the Cemetery Office or with your funeral director as part of the funeral arrangements.

Following a funeral, it is necessary to wait twelve months before the memorial can be replaced back on a grave.

To facilitate grounds maintenance, Cemetery Staff have the right of passage over all graves.

Transfer of Grave Ownership:

Where possible, it is always important to have a living registered owner of a grave. It is necessary to have a living owner to permit any future burials or the installation or alteration of any memorials. The number of registered owners is limited to three peoples.

It should be noted that all registered owners are required to give consent for a burial to take place or for a memorial to be placed or altered.

Transfer of grave ownership can be arranged via the Cemetery office on payment of the appropriate fee.

Once the transfer of ownership has taken place, all responsibilities of ownership are transferred to the new registered owner(s).

Further Information:

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Cemetery Office either by telephone or by visiting the office in person.

Office hours are 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday

Telephone 020 8359 3370

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The Cemetery Office is located at Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium, Holders Hill Road,
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