

Appendix 2

Prohibited Items

To ensure that the cemetery remains a safe, dignified and well-maintained environment for all visitors, the Council regulates what may be placed on graves. The items prohibited below have been identified as presenting risks to health and safety, causing obstructions to maintenance, creating accessibility barriers for visitors, or detracting from the respectful appearance of the cemetery.

The Council cannot accept responsibility for any loss, theft, damage or vandalism to items left on graves.

In order to avoid accidents, protect visitors and employees, and retain a tidy, well-kept appearance, any damaged, broken, weather-worn or discarded items found within the cemetery grounds will be removed and disposed of without notice to grave owners.

The detailed list of prohibited items is set out below.

Glass

- Glass vases
- Glass jars / containers
- Drinks glasses
- Glass bottles containing alcohol

Glass lanterns provided by stonemasons are approved.

Fencing and Borders

- Plastic picket fencing (including white PVC garden-style fencing)
- Chain-link fencing
- Metal fencing or decorative railings
- Rolled wooden fencing. Wooden fencing installed on stakes is considered acceptable, where it meets the approved specifications set out for memorials.
- Rope barriers
- Solar-light stakes arranged as a boundary
- Plastic “garden edging” styled as flowers or pickets
- Wire plant borders
- Mini-arches, gates or trellises used to demarcate the grave
- Slate chips or stones placed intentionally as a perimeter line (If used, these must be contained within the kerbset)
- Any fencing, edging, pots, or objects placed outside the approved headstone area
- Any item placed on grass areas maintained by Broxtowe Borough Council employees

- Any boundary marker extending widthwise or lengthwise along the grave

Only kerb materials approved by the Council may be used.

Floral Related items

- Plastic flowers
- Silk flowers
- Artificial bouquets or arrangements (the exception for this maybe Christmas)
- Artificial greenery or vegetation
- Plastic potted plants
- Artificial flower stakes
- Floral tributes attached to fencing, trees or council property
- No planting in the ground of any vegetation

Natural potted plants and flowers are allowed. These will though be removed if they are in decline, broken or pose a risk to health and safety.

Solar lighting, lanterns and illumination

Solar lighting is permitted **only within the grave's defined boundary** and must comply with the following requirements.

Acceptable Solar Lights

To maintain dignity, safety, and consistency, the following conditions apply:

- Lights can be white or multi-coloured
- Lights must be static - no flashing, pulsing or rotating
- Lights must be low-level and unobtrusive
- Lights must be securely placed within the grave boundary, not spilling onto access paths or adjacent plots
- Lights must not create glare that affects visitors or staff during early morning/late evening visits

Lanterns

Lantern-style solar units (non-flame) are permitted under the following conditions:

- Must be stable, shatter-resistant, and made of plastic (not glass)
- Must remain within the grave boundary
- Must not be hung from trees, bushes, railings, or any Council property
- Battery-operated tea lights may be used within these units, provided the lantern meets the above requirements (LED flickering candles are permitted)
- Candles are permitted only when they are fully enclosed within a lantern supplied by a stonemason

Prohibited items

- Flashing, strobe or novelty lights
- Lights mounted on fencing, trees, railings or structures
- Lights placed outside the grave boundary

Decorative items

- Paper decorative items
- Children's toys (plastic toys only). Up to four soft toys are permitted, provided they are placed within the grave boundary
- Windmills / spinning toys
- Balloons, including foil and latex balloons
- Hanging decorations or tributes attached to trees, fences, or Council property

Furniture

- Chairs (including plastic garden chairs)
- Settees / small sofas
- Benches not installed or authorised by the Council
- (Benches must be council-approved and installed in designated areas only.)
- Stools or small personal seating
- Folding chairs or camping chairs
- Any improvised seating such as upturned boxes or crates
- Picnic tables
- Side tables or coffee tables
- Plastic or wooden patio tables
- Homemade or makeshift tables or platforms