

REVIEW CEMETERY FEES

I presented this first table in a report on cemetery regulations in February 2024 where you agreed that fees should be reviewed regularly, although no timings were set.

Table (1): a selection of fees charged nearby

NOTE that Salisbury cemeteries are substantially more expensive and so I excluded them.

	Alderbury (£)	Downton (£)	Redlynch (£)	Wilton (£)
Adult interment	150	171	Included	315
Ashes interment	75	99	included	125
Double depth EroB	300	463	266	310
Cremation plot ERoB	100	135	179	135
Assignment				50
Headstone	100	191	Included	95
Flat cremation plot stone	50	40	included	50/55
Non parishioners	trebled	n/a	Roughly trebled	doubled

I went back to the previous review of fees, which was in June 2021.

Table (2): previously charged fees at Alderbury

	Current from 2021 (£)	Previous from 2011 (£)
Adult interment	150	80
Ashes interment	75	40
Double depth EroB	300	160
Cremation plot ERoB	100	50
Assignment		
Headstone	100	50
Flat cremation plot stone	50	30
Additional inscriptions	25	10
Non parishioners	trebled	trebled

These were quite dramatic increases, I imagine due to the long period during which fees were not changed.

As a suggestion, the precept increase was a 16% increase. Applying that gives:

Table (3): possible new fees

	Current (£)	Approx 16% increase (rounded)
Adult interment	150	175
Ashes interment	75	90
Double depth EroB	300	350
Cremation plot ERoB	100	115
Assignment		30*
Headstone	100	115
Flat cremation plot stone	50	60
Additional inscriptions	25	30
Non parishioners	trebled	trebled

* I suggest we introduce this as part of another measure you agreed in February – to more strictly enforce the law on ownership of plots. It creates work to do this but is a sounder legal footing.

CLERK'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. AGREE to review fees every 3 years – that is August 2024 and August 2027
2. AGREE the revised fees per table (3)

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