

# BOZEAT PARISH COUNCIL



## Bozeat Cemetery - a guide

**BOZEAT PARISH COUNCIL** recognises that one of the most difficult and stressful times in a person's life is when they lose someone close to them, especially if they find themselves having to make decisions about the type of funeral to have and a final resting place. We thought that you may find it easier to make some of those decisions if the information you need is clearly set out and have created this booklet in the hope that it may be of some use to you.

**Bozeat Cemetery** is situated in Easton Lane, Bozeat, and is non-consecrated ground, which means that burial is not restricted to those of the Christian faith. It was opened for burial in 1903, when St Mary's Churchyard was declared full, and significantly extended in 1952. It is owned and managed by Bozeat Parish Council.

### **I WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE A BURIAL IN BOZEAT CEMETERY, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

If you are using the services of a Funeral Director they will make all the necessary arrangements with the Burial Registrar, Minister [if desired for a graveside service] and gravedigger, and settle the necessary fees, all you need to do is decide what type of funeral you would prefer, there are three forms of burial in the cemetery:-

**Full Burial** - this is burial in a grave space - it can be a single or double depth grave. We are currently using Section C and, at the moment we are using Row D for young children and Row Q for adults. Once a burial has taken place, a monument such as a headstone can be placed after 6 months has elapsed from the date of the burial [this is to allow the ground to settle down].

**Green Burials** - we have a designated Green Burial area in Section D of the cemetery and these are reserved for Bozeat residents only, unless a very close link to the village can be established. Each application for interment in the Green Burial area will be considered on its own merit\*. A tree may be planted on the plot, once interment has taken place but no other memorial will be permitted.

\* The Parish Council, or its representative/s, will consider applications.

**Gardens Of Remembrance [for cremated remains]** - we have two Gardens of Remembrance in the cemetery for the interment of cremated remains, one in Section B and one in Section C.

Plots are usually single depth and a flat memorial slab can be placed as soon as desired following the interment, slabs must measure no more than 45.2cm x 30.5cm [18" x 12"].

#### **IS THERE ANYTHING TO PAY?**

If you are using the services of a Funeral Director they will pay the fees on your behalf and they will be incorporated into the funeral bill.

#### **ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS?**

A full list of our current Cemetery Guidelines is available from your Funeral Director or our Burial Registrar [contact details on the back of this leaflet], and is displayed in our Cemetery Lodge, please do ask if there is anything of which you are unsure.

#### **I HAVE DECIDED THAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME CREMATED REMAINS INTERRED IN THE CEMETERY, THE FUNERAL WAS A FEW WEEKS AGO, DO I HAVE TO ORGANISE THIS THROUGH THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR?**

No, this could be organised direct with the Burial Registrar [contact details on the back of this leaflet], she will make the necessary arrangements and advise you of the fee payable etc.

#### **I WOULD LIKE TO BUY A PLOT IN THE CEMETERY FOR MYSELF, CAN I DO THIS?**

Yes, burial plots can be bought in advance, please contact the Burial Registrar [contact details on the back of this leaflet] and she will discuss the details, including fees, and make all the necessary arrangements to book a plot for you.

#### **I WANT TO ORGANISE A HEADSTONE/MEMORIAL ON A RELATIVE'S GRAVE, HOW DO I DO THIS?**

If the headstone or memorial is to be placed on a grave following a Full Burial, you will need to wait at least 6 months to allow the ground to settle. There is no need to wait if the memorial is to be placed in the Gardens of Remembrance.

You need to visit a monumental mason [we only permit firms which are registered with the National Association of Monumental Masons' Code of Working Practice to install memorials in our cemetery] and decide what form of memorial you would like, please remember that, on the Gardens of Remembrance, there are restrictions as to the size and type.

Your Monumental Mason will contact the Parish Council and formally ask, on your behalf, for permission to place the headstone or memorial and will give details such as design and wording [poetry is very acceptable]. The Parish Council will consider each request and will advise how much the fees will be, these will be incorporated into your bill from the Monumental Mason.

#### **MEMORIAL TREES.**

We are able to plant and dedicate a tree in your loved one's name, we have a list of approved native species of tree and are planting them around the perimeter of the cemetery. A small fee is payable, please contact the Burial Registrar for more details.

#### **WHO LOOKS AFTER THE CEMETERY?**

The Parish Council has a contractor who maintains the cemetery, churchyard and village green in Bozeat, the contract is put out to tender on an annual basis.

#### **BURIAL REGISTRAR:-**

Please email to:

**e:** registrar@bozeatparishcouncil.gov.uk

**or** contact the Clerk to the Parish Council

**e:** clerk@bozeatparishcouncil.gov.uk