

Management Rules

For Cemeteries, Churchyards and Burial Grounds

The City of Edinburgh Council (Burial Authority) make the following rules under the terms of Section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Interpretation

'Burial Authority' means City of Edinburgh Council.

'Council Officer' means any person employed by the City of Edinburgh Council or any person authorised by them to enforce these rules.

'Cemetery' means any land used for burial including churchyards kirkyards and burial grounds which are owned, occupied or under the management of City of Edinburgh Council.

General - the following acts are prohibited:

1.1 Behaviour which causes (or in the opinion of a Council Officer is likely to cause) annoyance, offence, alarm or distress to any other Cemetery visitor.

1.2 Any wilful or careless act which damages or removes any artefact or memorial, plant, tree, shrub, building, structure, equipment, furniture including benches or signage.

1.3 Depositing litter except in litter bins provided for the purpose.

1.4 Pursuing any activity which endangers (or in the opinion of a Council Officer is likely to endanger) any person or property including entering or exiting the cemetery not by the designated means.

1.5 Entering or wilfully remaining in a cemetery when it is closed to the public.

General - the following acts are prohibited unless written permission has been obtained:

2.1 Engaging in any commercial activity including but not limited to, filming, photography and drone recording.

2.2 Giving displays or performances including begging or busking.

2.3 Tours whether paid or not in a Cemetery which is subject to the tour guide registration scheme if the operator has not registered with the Burial Authority.

2.4 Any organised event whether paid for or not within the cemetery including but not limited to art classes, teaching, ghost hunting, and parties.

Dogs and Horses – the following acts are prohibited

3.1 Failing to keep your dog on a lead whilst in the cemetery.

3.2 Commercial dog walking.

3.3 Allowing a dog to foul in a cemetery contrary to the provisions of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

3.4 Leading, riding, training or exercising a horse.

• Vehicles - the following acts are prohibited:

• 4.1 Parking on grass or grass verges whilst in a Cemetery.

4.2 Parking in a Cemetery for a purpose other than Cemetery use.

4.3 Parking in a way that prohibits other users from accessing another part of the cemetery.

4.4 Parking in designated disabled parking bays without displaying a Blue Badge.



• General Information

- Contact Bereavement Services
- Working Hours 0131 664 4314
- Out of Hours 0131 200 2000
- or email bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk

