

## **Pilning Cemetery and Northwick Graveyard**

Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council is the Burial Authority for the above cemetery and graveyard. As such we have to carry out Statutory Duties to comply with Health and Safety Legislation within the Cemetery.

Our qualified Cemetery Clerk has advised the Council on what needs to be done and the Parish Council have agreed to a Policy setting out the rules and regulations to meet the standards required. A copy of this will be displayed at the Cemetery and is available on the Parish Council website <https://www.psbpc.co.uk> If you would prefer a paper copy please contact the Parish Clerk.

It is our duty to maintain both sites to the required standard, to keep everyone safe including those that work in the grounds or visit.

Graves are the responsibility of the person who purchased the grave and who inherits it on their passing. We are asking for your help should you be looking after a family grave. Please read the policy mentioned above to understand the rules and regulations that all such sites have. We all want a tidy cemetery; however, we do understand that in times of grief small print on documents can be overlooked and then forgotten. Items placed on graves have to meet certain criteria. For example, glass vases and bottles are not allowed, as in some circumstances they can be knocked over and broken leaving shards of glass lying around for others to be injured. Strimmers and lawn mowers can also break it up further with pieces of glass flying around injuring the operators.

Anything placed on a grave is liable to move, especially in bad weather and therefore is not allowed. Some items can be damaged and become dangerous or end up on another's grave causing distress. We would like to make a start by asking that all Christmas decorations are removed by March 1<sup>st</sup>, those Christmas decorations remaining will be removed after that. Please check your graves and remove items that could be dangerous, check with the Cemetery clerk if you are unsure. Glass items will be removed at the end of April as we make a start on complying with the regulations.

Please contact the Cemetery Clerk if you have a question.

Please call

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We hope you understand and thank you for your help.