

Fulbourn Cemetery

Overview



Fulbourn Cemetery is located at the far end of Sanders Lane, near the junction of Dogget Lane and Home End, within the village of Fulbourn.

The land was acquired by Fulbourn Parish Council in 1935 when burial grounds at Saint Vigor's Church and the United Reformed (formerly Congregational) Church began to run out of available space.

The Cemetery is managed and maintained by **Fulbourn Parish Council**. It is a **lawn cemetery**, which helps preserve the simplicity and tranquillity of the area. Following a burial, turf will be laid and the ground will be kept level. If necessary, the area will be re-seeded and maintained by mowing and strimming as required.

This approach requires some restrictions on the types and sizes of monuments and decorations permitted. These are outlined in the **Rules and Regulations** below.

These rules exist to ensure the Cemetery is maintained to a high standard, both now and in the future. We ask all visitors to respect them and hope they find Fulbourn Cemetery to be a peaceful and uplifting place, sympathetic to its rural surroundings.



Rules and Regulations

These regulations have been issued by Fulbourn Parish Council to guide funeral directors and families regarding:

- Burials in earthen graves
- Burial of cremated remains
- Types of memorials permitted

Interment Requirements

This Rules and Fees document will be provided to the funeral arranger when interment permission is sought. A copy must be signed and returned to the Parish Clerk **before** the interment, confirming that all parties have read and accepted the Rules and Regulations.

1. Funeral Director Responsibilities

- Funeral directors are responsible for arranging grave digging. This should take place no more than 48 hours before the interment date, unless permission has been given by the Clerk for exceptional circumstances.
- They must carry suitable insurance, a Health & Safety Policy, and comply with all statutory requirements.
- Any contractors employed must also meet these standards, including holding Public Liability Insurance.

2. Graves and Memorial Plots

- The **exclusive right of burial** in an earthen grave or cremation plot is granted for **99 years**.
- A grave may accommodate **up to two interments**.
- The 'Notice of Interment' form must specify whether the grave is to be dug for a single or double interment.

3. Memorials and Inscriptions

Permission Required

Written approval from Fulbourn Parish Council is required **before** any memorial is installed. The request must include:

- Materials
- Dimensions
- Style and inscription

- Proposed location

The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any design deemed inappropriate, offensive, or likely to interfere with Cemetery maintenance.

Headstones must not be reinstated until a minimum of nine months has elapsed following a burial. For ash interments, headstones may be installed immediately.

Permitted Types

- **Only upright headstones** are allowed on earthen graves.
- Maximum dimensions:
 - Height: 4 feet (120 cm)
 - Width: 2 feet 6 inches (76 cm)
 - Thickness: 6 inches (15 cm)
- Headstones must be placed at the **head of the grave**, secured to a foundation base, and comply with current statutory regulations, including topple-testing.

Prohibited Items

The following are **not permitted**:

- Kerbs, railings, edging, chains, wire mesh, or grave enclosures
- Monuments made from plastic, wood (except temporary markers), glass, metal, tiles
- Chippings, paving, artificial turf, or planted coverings
- Decorations on graves or adjacent trees, fences, or shrubs

Allowable Items

A **freestanding container** for flowers is permitted, but only if placed at the head of the grave on the base of the headstone.

4. Maintenance and Responsibility

- Families are collectively responsible for the upkeep, appearance, and safety of graves and any monuments.
 - The Parish Council accepts **no liability** for damage to monuments, regardless of cause.
 - If a memorial is deemed dangerous or in need of repair, the Council may require it to be made safe, repaired, or removed at the owner's expense.
 - **Headstone insurance** is available—please consult your stonemason.
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Agreement Form for burial/internment

This form must be completed and returned to:

Parish Clerk
Fulbourn Parish Council
Fulbourn Hub
Home End, Fulbourn
Cambridge CB21 5BS
clerk@fulbournparishcouncil.gov.uk

I/We confirm that the *Rules and Regulations* for Fulbourn Cemetery have been read and accepted by the family of the deceased.

Name of deceased:

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Address of deceased:

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Date of funeral:

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Name(s) of funeral arranger(s):

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Signed (funeral arranger):

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Date:

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Agreement Form for Gravestones and Memorial plaques

This form must be completed and returned to:

Parish Clerk
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Fulbourn Hub
Home End, Fulbourn
Cambridge CB21 5BS
clerk@fulbournparishcouncil.gov.uk

I/We confirm that the *Rules and Regulations* for Fulbourn Cemetery have been read and accepted by the family of the deceased.

Name of deceased:

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Description of work to be undertaken:

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Name(s) of company(s):

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Address

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Signed:

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Date:

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Fulbourn Parish Council Cemetery Fees

These fees apply if the deceased was domiciled in Fulbourn:

1. At the time of death
2. At the time the exclusive burial right was purchased
3. Before moving into care in later life
4. In the case of stillbirth, if either parent was domiciled in Fulbourn at the time of interment

Exclusive Right of Burial (99 years)

Description	Fee
Earthen grave (single depth)	£200.00
Earthen grave (double depth)	£400.00
Cremation plot (casket of ashes)	£200.00

Interment Fees

Description	Fee
Stillborn child or child under 18 years*	£0
Adult interment in single grave	£140.00
First interment in double grave	£250.00
Second interment in double grave	£140.00
Interment of ashes (grave or cremation plot)	£110.00
Second interment of ashes (same plot)	£110.00

Note: Digging fees are not included and should be arranged through the funeral directors.

Memorial Garden

Description	Fee
Ashes (not in casket)	£50.00

Memorials and Inscriptions

Description	Fee
Upright headstone (as per permitted size) on earthen grave	£65.00
Memorial plaque on Memorial Wall – single	£65.00
Memorial plaque on Memorial Wall – double	£130.00

Description**Fee**

Additional or altered inscription on existing memorial

£50.00

All inscriptions must be approved in advance by Fulbourn Parish Council.

Note: Fees for **non-parishioners** are **double**.

***For Fulbourn parishioners only**

Set under the **Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1974 (No. 628)**.

Approved by Fulbourn Parish Council on **14 May 2025**, effective from **1 July 2025**.