Dunnington Parish Council

Information Sheet for Interments

Thank you for choosing to inter your loved one in Dunnington Cemetery. Here is some useful information that you might find helpful in ensuring that the interment runs as expected, and things you can discuss with your chosen Funeral Director beforehand.

Beforehand

Once you have decided whether your loved one is to be buried or cremated you will need to ensure that you have ownership of either an ashes or burial plot, paid the relevant fees to Dunnington Parish Council, and have all the necessary documentation available. Your chosen Funeral Director will need to arrange for the plot to be dug by an approved digger and give you the cost of this service, therefore it is very important that you have that discussion with them. They will also offer you the option of them being present at the interment or not. The plot is usually dug at least the day before, covered with a board, and then drained just before the interment day and time. Please note that due to the high-water table, if interments take place earlier or later in the year, there may still be some standing water in the plot at the time of the interment.

During

On the agreed day and time of the interment, the Funeral Director will ensure that the plot has been dug and drained, and that the digger will stay on site at a discrete distance during the interment. There should be a small container of earth to use after the casket or coffin has been placed in the plot should you require it. If the Funeral Director is present, they will with an ashes interment offer you the option of a family member or friend placing the casket into the plot or will do it themselves. If a Minister or Celebrant is present, then the Funeral Director will also liaise with them.

Afterwards

Once the interment has taken place and the mourners have left, the digger will then come and fill in the plot and place the turf back over it. Any floral tributes that remain will then be placed on the plot and the site left neat and tidy. Dunnington Parish Council do not provide markers, but your Funeral Director can discuss options with you either before or afterwards.

Contacts

Should you have any questions in relation to your interment then your chosen Funeral Director should be your initial contact. Should you need to speak with the Parish Clerk, they can be contacted by emailing: parish.clerk@dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or on their mobile: 07599 226770. Please note that the Parish Clerk works part time and may not return your call straight away.