

DISUSED BURIAL GROUNDS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1981

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE TOMBSTONES, MONUMENTS, HUMAN REMAINS & MEMORIALS FROM THE WICKHAMBROOK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH BURIAL GROUND.

1. For the purpose of a change to residential use, it is necessary to remove tombstones, monuments, human remains and memorials.
2. In accordance with the provision of the Disused Burial Grounds (Amendment) Act 1981, notice is hereby given that Demesne Limited, intend 2 months after the date of the first publication of this notice to remove tombstones, monuments or other memorials of deceased persons whose names, so far as they can be ascertained, are stated on the Record of Gravestones list and the Burial Ground Plan.
3. The Record of Gravestones and the Burial Ground Plan of the present place of burial showing the positions of the tombstones, monuments or other memorials, are now displayed on the Wickhambrook United Reformed Church notice board.
4. Any person who is an heir, executor, administrator or relative of any deceased person whose grave, monument, tombstone or other memorial is to be removed, or in case of a Commonwealth war burial, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, may give written notice to the undersigned within two months of the date of this notice of intention to undertake the removal of such remains, tombstone monument or other memorial commemorating the deceased person and thereupon he will be at liberty, provided he applies for the Secretary of State's directions for the removal of human remains as soon as possible after giving such notice and that such directions are issued, to cause such remains to be removed and reinterred in any churchyard, burial ground or cemetery in which interments may legally take place or, if desired, cremated. Application for the Secretary of State's directions should be made to the Secretary of State.
5. If the notice in paragraph 4 above has been given within the prescribed time or if after such notice has been given, the person given notice have not removed the remains etc Demesne Limited may carry out the removal and reinterment or cremation or disposal, or work may be undertaken which will render the grave inaccessible as the case may be. After removal the remains may be reinterred in such cemetery or burial ground or cremated in a crematorium as follows:
 - 1 The removal shall be effected with due care and attention to decency.
 - 2 The ground in which the remains are interred shall be screened from the public gaze while the work of removal is in progress.
 - 3 Freshly made ground lime shall be freely sprinkled over the coffins, the soil and, if it should be found necessary, elsewhere.
 - 4 The removal shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Director of Environmental Services for West Suffolk, and shall be in accordance with any additional conditions he may impose.
 - 5 The remains shall be placed in fresh shells or other such containers as meet the requirements of the said Director of Environmental Services.
 - 6 The remains shall be forthwith conveyed to Wickhambrook Cemetery or burial ground or West Suffolk Crematorium and cremated in accordance with the Cremation Acts 1902 and 1952.
6. Any persons entitled to burial rights at the date of this notice may claim compensation in respect of loss of such rights by writing to the undersigned.

Dated 20.09.2021.

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