

AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL



REGULATIONS FOR MEMORIAL MASONS

1. All Masons working in the Cemeteries must be registered under Amble Town Council's "Masons Registration Scheme" and must act under the directions of the Town Clerk or Staff.
2. If desired, the name of the firm supplying or erecting a memorial may be cut in small letters on the side or back of the memorial and nowhere else. No other form of advertising or canvassing within the Cemetery will be permitted.
3. The section and number of the grave should be inscribed in letters 5/8" in height on the side or back of the memorial. For cremated remains plot memorials, the grave number should be engraved along the top of the short-sided edge of the base, or on the front bottom left of the headstone.
4. **Monumental Masons must remove all debris from the Cemetery after fixing or removing a memorial and must leave the whole area in a neat and tidy condition.** They shall use such means as may be necessary to protect the grass, plants and nearby graves from damage; any subsequent restoration shall be carried out by and at the subsequent expense of the Funeral Director or Sculptor on behalf of the Deed holder.
5. No hewing or dressing of stones will be permitted within the Cemetery apart from lettering and cleaning.
6. **Vehicles conveying memorials into the Cemetery must be under 10cwt. Every effort should be made to avoid causing damage to grassed areas.**
7. **Health and Safety at Work Act 1974:-** Any memorial mason working within the cemetery must be aware of and comply with requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 or future relevant regulations.
8. Once a memorial has been erected on a grave, it is the full responsibility of the person authorising the work and the Mason to ensure it is maintained in a safe manner. Therefore it is advisable that adequate insurance cover as protection against loss, damage or vandalism should be encouraged.

9. All memorials erected within the Cemetery shall be checked for workmanship by the Memorial Mason, and otherwise kept in good repair at the expense of the owner. The Council reserve the right to temporarily repair, make safe and/or remove any memorial which is allowed to fall into disrepair and become dangerous.
10. Memorials will be subject to a 4 or 5 year safety inspection by a qualified Contractor and will be periodically inspected by Staff.
11. No monument of any kind shall be erected over any grave unless the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased, a design application approved and permission granted.
12. The Exclusive Rights of Burial must also be purchased prior to the erection of any type of memorial e.g. a Tablet vase set or a single vase; a design application must be approved and permission granted.
13. Memorials may only be brought into the Cemetery and works carried out in connection with memorials during normal working hours- details available from the Clerk
14. All memorials must be installed as indicated on the Application as no variations are permitted. All work and fixing must be according to the current NAMM/BRAMM Code of Working Practice and BS 8415.
15. There will be no kerbs allowed in any part of the Cemeteries which are Lawned, nor where Ashes are scattered or Woodland Burials are permitted

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Policy effective:	Immediate	Date for next review:	May 2026

MEASUREMENT RESTRICTIONS

To allow the ground to settle, erection of memorials on **full body interments** will not be permitted until **6 calendar months** after the interment has taken place. In the **cremated section**, memorials may be erected **1 calendar month** after the interment has taken place at the discretion of the registered monumental mason. No memorials are permitted in the natural burial section.

The height measurements must be that from the concrete foundation to the highest point of the memorial (i.e. inclusive of one or more bases).

MEMORIALS IN LAWNED SECTIONS

Min Height	1'0" (300mm)	Max Height	3'6" (1065mm)
Min Thickness	2" (50mm)	Max Thickness	6" (150mm)
Min Width	1' 0" (300mm)	Max Width	3' (910mm)
Min Width-Base	1' 0" (300mm)	Max Width-Base	3'0" (910mm)

MEMORIALS IN CHILDREN'S SECTIONS

Min Height	1'0" (300mm)	Max Height	3' (910mm)
Min Thickness	2" (50mm)	Max Thickness	6" (150mm)
Min Width	1'0" (300mm)	Max Width	2' (610mm)
Min Width-Base	1'0" (300mm)	Max Width-Base	2'6" (760mm)

MEMORIALS IN CREMATED REMAINS

Min Height	1'0" (300mm)	Max Height	2'6" (760mm)
Min Thickness	2" (50mm)	Max Thickness	6" (150mm)
Min Width	1'0" (300mm)	Max Width	2'0" (610mm)
Min Width-Base	1'0" (300mm)	Max Width-Base	2'0" (610mm)

VASE ONLY

Min Height	6" (150mm)	Max Height	1'0" (300mm)
Min Width	6" (150mm)	Max Height	1'0" (300mm)
Min Length	6" (150mm)	Max Height	1'0" (300mm)

PLAQUES/FLATSTONES

Measurements must not exceed the width of the headstone and must not exceed 15" (380mm) in depth.

MATERIALS APPROVED FOR USE ARE:

Natural Granite, Marble, Freestone and Slate.

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