

THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL (THORNEY BURIAL AUTHORITY) CEMETERY REGULATION AND FEES- FEBRUARY 2026

1 Legislation: Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977

1.1 Conduct within cemetery grounds. All persons shall conduct themselves in a decent, quiet and orderly manner and are advised of these provisions in the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

- No person shall:
 - Wilfully create any disturbance in a cemetery
 - Commit any nuisance in a cemetery
 - Wilfully interfere with any burial taking place in a cemetery
 - Wilfully interfere with any grave or vault, any tombstone or other memorial or any flowers or plants on any such grave
 - Play at any game or sport or other activity in the cemetery

See [Article 18 of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977](#)

- Any person who commits any offence within Cemetery grounds will incur liability, upon conviction, to applicable penalties under relevant burial, criminal, civil and bye-laws. See [Article 19 of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977](#)
- No burial shall take place and no monument or memorial shall be placed in the Cemeteries without the prior consent of the Council. See [Article 10 of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977](#)
- The use of a camera, video or filming of any kind cannot be undertaken in the Council's Cemeteries without the prior consent of the Council and, where applicable, the holder of the deed of Exclusive Right of Burial.

Conduct within cemetery grounds

All persons entering the Cemetery or any person authorised by the Council will be subject to these regulations

All enquiries, complaints and requests by members of the public must be made to the Burial Authority, details above, and not to operatives in the Cemetery.

Dogs must be kept on a lead and owners are required to clear up any dog fouling. Dogs must be kept on the footpath and dogs are not allowed on the burial sections.

No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale any article, commodity or thing of any kind whatsoever or solicit orders from the same, within the cemetery.

No vehicle access, except those authorised by the burial authority. Maximum Vehicle speed is 5mph.

No person, not being an officer or servant of the burial authority or another person so authorised by, or on behalf of the burial authority, shall enter or remain in a cemetery at any hour when it is closed to the public.

A responsible adult must accompany children under 12 years of age.

Do not ride bicycles, skateboards or similar in the cemetery.

All visitors must keep to the footpaths or roads provided, except whilst visiting a grave and refrain from touching or interfering with trees, shrubs, plants or flowers.

The responsibility for providing sufficient bearers to carry the coffin from the hearse grave rests with the funeral director or person arranging the funeral. Any funeral director, including his/her staff and/or mourner who assist with the bearing or lowering of a coffin, does so at their own risk.

A body brought into the Cemetery for interment shall be contained in a suitable coffin or shroud.

All preparation of graves will be carried out by persons authorised by the Council.

After interment, no body or cremated remains may be removed from any grave without the production of an ecclesiastical faculty and/or Home Office licence for exhumation. The Council will require the original documents for this purpose.

No person shall drop, throw or otherwise deposit and leave in the cemetery any waste paper or refuse of any kind, except in the litter bins provided.

No person shall operate any sound reproducing equipment or play any musical instrument in the Cemetery without the prior consent of the Council.

No employee of the Council is to demand or receive any gratuity.

Cremated remains shall **not** be scattered in the Cemetery grounds.