

Peterborough Bereavement Services

Cemetery Grounds Maintenance Standards

We aim to keep the cemeteries, which are under our control, to a standard that provides a place of comfort, tranquillity and reflection for all those who visit.

We, therefore, seek to achieve the maintenance standards listed below. If you believe that these standards are not being met, please let us know by contacting 01733 262639 or email: crematorium@peterborough.gov.uk.

CEMETERY STANDARDS

- **Grassed areas**

Grass cutting and strimming carried out approximately every 2 weeks.

Grass cutting is only carried out during the growing seasons, normally from the start of April until the end of October.

In periods of extreme wet weather, which may prolong the cutting process, the cutting frequency may be extended.

Where spring bulbs have been planted in grass areas, the grass immediately surrounding the bulbs will be cut only when the bulbs have finished flowering and have died back sufficiently. This is to ensure the bulbs will flower the following year.

Main driveways will be swept once a month.

Leaf clearance will commence at the end of October and be completed by February.

Christmas wreaths and associated items will be removed from the grounds commencing after twelfth night (6th Jan)

- **Shrub Beds/Trees**

Shrubs and trees will be pruned and cut back in accordance with their seasonal requirements observing nesting times for birds, normally from October to February.

- **Topping up of graves**

Graves will be checked monthly and topped up as required, especially after periods of heavy rainfall.

If you have a grave that urgently requires topping up please let us know by contacting 01733 262639, or email: crematorium@peterborough.gov.uk

All the above standards depend on weather conditions allowing the work to be carried out.