

Grandborough Parochial Church Council – Graveyard Regulations

The Church of England and the Grandborough Parochial Church Council (PCC) recognise how important it is for people to have a place where they can mourn their loved ones. It is natural to want to make the grave special and personal.

The churchyard is a public space, used by many people. The PCC need to make sure that graves are tended in a way which works for everyone and that they fit in their surroundings. We also need to consider that the churchyard is safe for all those that use it and also for the wildlife, including plants and animals, that live in it.

The Diocese of Coventry has published churchyard regulations which provide guidance about how graves should be cared for. These regulations apply to all graves in the churchyard. These regulations apply whether or not a gravestone has been put up and the most important ones are:

Loose vases, pots, candles holders lights and ornaments – please do not put these on a grave as they could be easily knocked over and broken which could be a safety hazard. Vases which form part of a headstone are allowable.

Fences, edging or chippings – these should not be put around the grave as it makes it difficult to maintain the churchyard.

Artificial flowers, cards, windmills, balloons and wind chimes – these should not be placed on a grave as they get deteriorate in the open.

Remembrance poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths may be placed on a grave but should be removed after two months.

Please remove **plastic wrapping** from flowers and plants placed on a grave.

Please keep dogs on a lead whilst in the churchyard.

Please follow these simple regulations so that the churchyard are kept in a manner for everyone to enjoy and to remember their loved ones.

If you need any further guidance on these regulations please contact the PCC.