

Scattering of Ashes Policy

General policy statement

Holbeach Parish Council recognises the need to supply modern facilities for the celebration of passed loved ones. This policy is for the enablement of the scattering of ashes and outlines the rules and fees associated with that process. Further to Section 30 of the Cremation (England & Wales) Regulations 2008 states:

The following rules are to be set as an addendum to the cemetery rules.

1. Holbeach Parish Council will keep a register of scattered remains with the Hall Gate map of burials. This will be an alternative to the burial register book entry. Therefore, all intended ashes scatterings must be notified to the Parish Council office in the first instance.
2. No ashes may be scattered until the white disposal certificate has been handed to the Parish Council and the fee paid. The receipt will act as proof of confirmation. Prior organisation for the scattering of remains is mandatory.
3. No more than one scattering ceremony may take place in any one 24-hour period on each designated lawn of no more than one person to be scattered, unless it is a spouse, partner or relation.
4. Scatterings will not take place before 10:00 and after 15:00 on any day Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sundays. Only attended Monday to Friday.
5. All scatterings come with a fee of £30.00 unattended or £60.00 attended by a member of Parish Council staff. The attendant will not be there to perform any duty or ceremony, rather to support proceedings. The staff member will not be expected to handle the human remains.
6. No other substances may be scattered; only human remains may be emptied here.
7. Scattering may not be done anywhere else in the cemetery.
8. All containers and refuse must be cleared away after the ceremony.
9. No headstones or memorials of any kind are permitted in the rose garden or the scattering lawn. The only authorised memorial is a plaque on the cemetery wall.
10. It is recommended that ashes are scattered no more than twelve (12) inches above the ground to help negate any health and safety issues arising from the ashes being in the air.

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