



Banwell Cemetery: Public Guidance Note

Welcome to Banwell Cemetery This guidance note is designed to help families, visitors, and funeral professionals understand the key rules and options available at Banwell Cemetery. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Contact Details:

Clerk to Banwell Parish Council

Tel: 01934 820442

Email: clerk@banwellparishcouncil.org.uk

Website: www.banwellparishcouncil.org.uk

Cemetery Type

Banwell Cemetery is a **lawn cemetery**, meaning graves are grassed over and only upright headstones are permitted. Kerbstones, fencing, chippings, plantings, or free-standing ornaments are not allowed.

Who Can Be Buried Here?

- Residents of Banwell Parish may apply for a burial or cremated remains interment.
- Non-residents may be eligible only if they can demonstrate a connection to Banwell (e.g. previous long-term resident, immediate family already buried in the cemetery).
- All applications are subject to approval by the Clerk.

Fees

- Fees are reviewed annually and are available on our website or from the Parish Office.
- Non-residents typically pay double the standard fee.

Burial Types Available

- Full burials (earthen grave)
- Cremated remains burials (in dedicated plots or full graves)
- Children and infant sections are available and free of charge

Out-of-Hours or Cultural Burial Requests We recognise that some religious or cultural groups may have urgent or time-sensitive burial requirements. Please contact the Clerk as early as possible to discuss your needs. We will always try to accommodate where practically possible, depending on legal and staffing requirements.

Memorials

- Only permitted on graves where the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased.
- All memorials must be approved via application and conform to the cemetery's size and material regulations.
- Memorial vases must be incorporated into the headstone (no loose vases or items are permitted).

Cemetery Behaviour & Access

- Open daily from 9am to 6pm or sunset, whichever is earlier.
- Please stay on paths unless visiting a grave.
- Dogs are not permitted (except assistance dogs).
- No filming or music without prior permission.
- Please place dead flowers and waste in the bins provided.

This guidance was last updated: June 2025.

Safety and Inspections

- Regular safety inspections of memorials and paths are carried out.
- Please do not lean on or attempt to straighten headstones.

Further Information A full copy of the Cemetery Regulations, fees, and memorial application forms are available on our website or by contacting the Clerk.

Thank you for helping us keep Banwell Cemetery a safe and respectful place for all.