



Advice for families

Re: COVID-19 Changes to Cemetery and Burial Procedures

As the COVID-19 situation worsens in the UK, Didcot Town Council have made decisions to minimise the risk of infection during funerals in our cemetery at Kynaston Road, Didcot.

Didcot Town Council are working hard to keep everything running smoothly but need to put these changes in place and may need to bring in future restrictions based on Central Government's advice.

Please be assured that the council have not taken the following decisions lightly and these changes are being put in place to help and protect the public, funeral director staff and our staff – who are vital in the future delivery and operation of this service.

From Friday 27th March 2020 we are introducing these restrictions:

- As per the Government's guidance only immediate family should be present at the burial.

Please consider limiting attendees to:

- Spouse/Partner
 - Parents/Carers
 - Brothers/Sisters
 - Children (and partners)
- Although it is an extremely sensitive subject and we understand that this will cause some stress and upset, Didcot Town Council are limiting the number of mourners to 6 around the graveside. A further 4 can attend by standing further back and adhering to Government's advice on social distancing (maximum of 10 attending in total).
 - All those present must follow social distancing guidelines and should NOT attend if they are symptomatic or self-isolating. It is advised that all those in the 'at risk' categories should refrain from attending.
 - Mourners will be asked to stand 2m from the grave and to avoid contact with each other.

It is understood that these requests are difficult at a time of mourning, however by following them we will help to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

In this fast-moving situation, it may be necessary to update this advice in the coming days. As soon as the Government issues further advice, Didcot Town Council will endeavour to update these measures.

Please rest assure that your safety and well being is at the forefront of our decisions.