



Chard Cemetery

Fees from 1st April 2023

**Chard Town Council
The Guildhall
Fore Street
Chard
Somerset
TA20 1PP**

01460 239567

Cemetery grounds Opening Hours

1st April to 30th September

8.30am - 8:00pm

1st October to 31st March

9:00am - 4.30pm

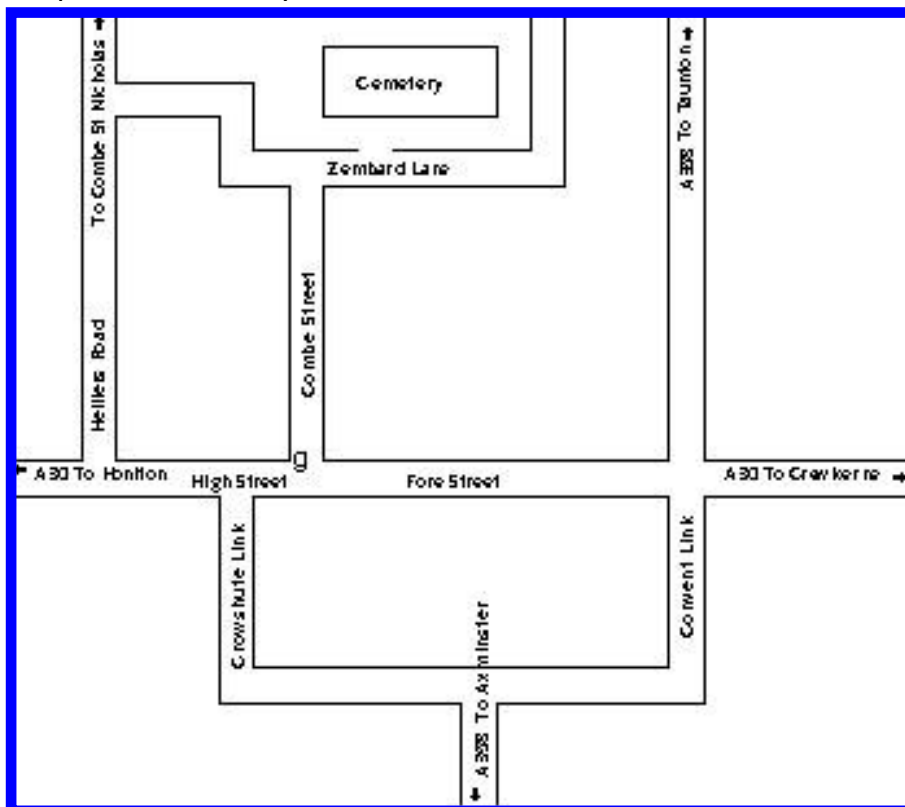
Chapel Opening hours

By appointment only

please call 01460 239567

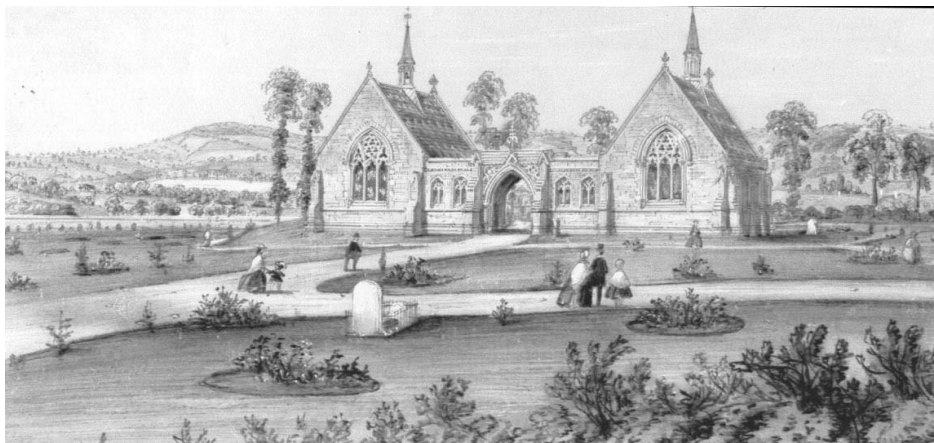
No person not being an officer or servant of the Burial Authority or another person so authorised by or on behalf of the Burial Authority shall enter or remain in a cemetery at any hour when it is closed.

It is an offence under the Local Authorities Cemetery Order 1977 to wilfully create any disturbance, commit any nuisance, wilfully interfere with any burial taking place in a cemetery or to wilfully interfere with any grave or vault, any tombstone or other memorial, or any flowers or plants on any such matter; or play at any game or sport in a cemetery.



History

The 4-acre cemetery was formed in 1857 and contains monuments to James Gillingham, inventor of artificial limbs who died in 1924, and John Stringfellow, inventor of the first engine-driven aeroplane.



Chard Town Council took over the sole responsibility for the Cemetery on 1st April 1992, it having previously been run jointly with Tatworth and Forton Parish Council. Since that time the Council continues to maintain Chard Cemetery and is able to offer the following services:

Memorial Garden

There is a memorial garden, opposite the main entrance, where arrangements can be made for a commemorative rose planted or bench to be donated.

Chapel

The Chapel is situated within the Cemetery grounds and was built in 1858, for Thomas Brown to the designs of James Mountford Allen. This can be hired for funeral and memorial services.

Book of Remembrance

The leather-bound book is kept inside the Chapel, displayed in a protective case. Entries can form a lasting memorial to a loved one or to remember someone interred elsewhere, with a page dedicated to each day of the year.

Memorials

All memorials to be erected in accordance with British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons Safety Standards.

Fees to erect or place a memorial on a grave in respect of which the Right of Burial has been granted are as follows;

Flat Stone – not exceeding 4 ft W x 8ft L £170.00

Flat Stones are not permitted in the new section of the Cemetery

Walled Grave – by arrangement £338.00

Headstone – up to 5ft in height £170.00

With a base not exceeding 36ins W x 24ins L

Kerb Set – Chippings or Stone within, not grass £338.00

(old part of the Cemetery only)

Tablet – 12ins W x 18ins L

With a base not exceeding 18ins W x 27ins L £170.00

Footstone – up to 2ft in height £170.00

With a base not exceeding 27ins W x 18ins L

(old part of the Cemetery only)

Memorials in Children's Section £170.00

15ins W x 20ins H

With a base not exceeding 24ins W x 18ins L

Additional Inscription £57.00

Stonemasons are asked to notify the Cemetery or Office prior to removing/installing a memorial. This will ensure that the visit will not clash with an interment and enable the Cemetery staff to mark the correct plot.

The above dimensions are the **maximum** allowed. Any queries should be addressed to the office on 01460 239567.

The Owner of the Deed of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial must give written permission for a memorial to be erected or any change to an existing memorial.

All memorials must be approved by Chard Town Council **before** they are commissioned.

Interments

Chard Town Council's Cemetery at Zembard Lane offer facilities for both burial and ashes interments.

1) Purchase of Burial Rights for 50 years

Grave Plot £321.00

Ashes Plot £226.00

After 5 years, with 45 years burial rights remaining, they can be extended by 5 years to bring the remaining term back to 50 years (up to a maximum total of 100 years) at a cost of £33.00.

2) Interments

		Chard Resident	Non-Chard Resident
Grave	Body over 16 years of age	£642.00	£1284.00
	Up to 16 years of age	£226.00	£452.00
	Up to 12 months of age	Free	Free
Ashes	Over 16 years of age	£226.00	£452.00
	Up to 16 years of age	£129.00	£258.00
	Up to 12 months of age	Free	Free

3) Miscellaneous Charges

Remove/Replace Memorial	£68.00
Chapel Hire	£40.00
Remembrance Book Inscription	£57.00

Deed of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Administration charge for dealing with a transfer of ownership **£58.00**

Burial Rights may be purchased where available in advance, at the time of arranging an interment or after an interment has taken place.

Whilst the ownership of the land remains with Chard Town Council, the exclusive Right of Burial may be purchased so that no body shall be buried, or cremated remains interred or scattered, in or over any grave for the duration of the Deed of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial unless by written permission of the owner of the Rights.

The exclusive Rights of Burial also allow a memorial application to be made by the owner of the Rights.

It is possible that there may be previous or future interments of non-family members where Burial Rights are not in existence. Remains will not be disturbed when preparing for a new interment.

