

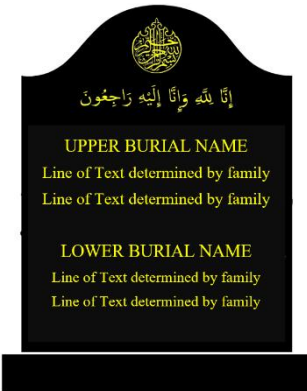
BW Foundation - Policy for Burials at Woodcock Hill Cemetery Plot J Two Tier Graves March 2020

BW Foundation has grave spaces at Woodcock Hill Cemetery for Muslim burials in a plot known as Section J. This plot is adjacent to the existing plot for Muslim burials at the cemetery, for which BW Foundation is also responsible. Section J has been in use since May 2014 and has been designated as a lawn cemetery. This means that ONLY a standardised headstone can mark the grave; no planting, borders, sections etc are allowed. The graves are flat and lawned over (except for burials prior to November 2015 – these graves may have a full kerb).

The Council will actively direct that any unauthorised memorials, borders, plantings etc. without the requisite planning permission and approval from BW Foundation are removed and families of the interred will be held financially responsible for removal and restoration.

BW Foundation as the owner of the graves is ultimately responsible for the memorials at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. Interment is by permission of BW Foundation, who remain the leaseholder of the burial plot; ownership does not pass to the family of the interred.

The shortage of cemetery space in the London area is a known issue. The BW Foundation has a responsibility to ensure that the space available is used in the most efficient way according to Islamic jurisprudence. The emergence of the COVID-19 virus is expected to escalate demand for grave spaces significantly.



AS OF 16th MARCH 2020, AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL BURIALS IN SECTION J WILL BE TWO TIERS so that we can meet the demand. This means that each grave space will be used to bury two bodies, separated by around a metre of soil, the first body is buried at a depth of 3m and the second at 2m (all depths approximate). The mandatory headstone with the motif and ayat will be standard (see template for illustration) with the name, date of birth and death of each of the deceased engraved. Each family can add their own inscription on TWO LINES.

Burials in Section J, Woodcock Hill Cemetery

- 1) The graves in section J are angled so that the body can be interred to face Mecca.
- 2) Graves are normally filled from left to right when facing South (looking uphill).
- 3) Two bodies will be interred in each grave space, at different depths.
- 4) The grave plot size is standard as agreed with Three Rivers Council, 2m by 0.75m approximately.
- 5) The layout of the section will be in the style of a lawn cemetery with a raised headstone (Figure for illustration only).
- 6) All gravestones will be of a standard format (Figure for illustration only).
- 7) The style of the headstone, the font, gold colour, the "Bismillah" motif and Qur'anic inscription will be standard on all graves.
- 8) In line with Council policy, it will not be permissible to place extraneous tokens (e.g. toys, plaques etc.) or plantings on the graves.
- 9) There will be an additional standard charge (reviewed annually or as appropriate) and currently £500 payable at burial to cover the cost of the headstone (one half of the total cost). There are additional costs for marshalling and administration.
- 10) Interments will be sequential with no spaces being left between graves and pre-selection of the grave space will not be possible.
- 11) We will endeavour to separate genders in the two tier graves, but this cannot be guaranteed.
- 12) BW Foundation, as the owner of the grave spaces, may adopt other rules from time to time to aid in its goal of good management and maintenance of the graves and in keeping with prevailing legislation.



THE DECLARATION ON THE BACK MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BEFORE BURIAL CAN PROCEED

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS DECLARATION IN BLOCK CAPITALS EXCEPT FOR THE SIGNATURE

GRAVE NUMBER: (A/B)

NAME OF DECEASED:

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER AUTHORISED FOR BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

I have received and read the BW Foundation policy for burials at Woodcock Hill Cemetery Section J. I have signed below to confirm my understanding and acceptance in full of this policy.

I ACCEPT THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ONLY FOUR MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED'S FAMILY WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, AND ONLY IF THEY ARE FROM A DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD TO THE DECEASED.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS:

WITNESS SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS: