

## How much does a burial cost?

Burial costs are set out in the Council's Fees and Charges which can be found on the Council's website [www.corby.gov.uk](http://www.corby.gov.uk) People who are not residents (who have not paid Council Tax to Corby Borough Council) have to pay a higher fee than a resident. This is simply because cemeteries cost a great deal of money to develop and maintain, which the authority has to pay from the Council Tax contributions of its residents. People who have paid their Council Tax to other authorities have therefore not contributed towards these costs.

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## Burials

Your questions answered



**Environmental Services**

## Do I own the grave?

No. You purchase the Right of Burial to the grave space, which means that only you or a person of your choice can be buried within the grave. The actual grave belongs to the Burial Authority, as do the Cemetery grounds.

## Can I purchase a grave for use in the future?

Yes. The Right of Burial can be purchased in advance with deeds currently issued for a period of 75 years.

## How many people can be buried in the grave?

New graves are dug to a depth of 6 feet, allowing for two full interments plus up to 4 cremated remains caskets. (Depending on size)

## Can cremated remains be scattered on top of the grave?

No. This Burial Authority does not allow cremated remains to be scattered on top of graves.

## How soon after a burial can a memorial be erected?

This is very much dependent on the ground conditions. Usually approximately 13 weeks is sufficient for the ground to settle. A memorial permit must be obtained through an approved Memorial Mason before any memorial can be erected. Further details on maximum dimensions can be found in the Cemetery Regulations available on the Councils website at [www.corby.gov.uk/](http://www.corby.gov.uk/) etc.

## How is a grave dug?

Most new graves are dug by a JCB or mini digger, where the grave can be accessed without driving over adjacent graves. Re-opened graves are usually dug by hand or dug by a mini-digger, but only where we can ensure there will be no disturbance of the coffin already buried in the grave. Grave purchasers are advised that adjacent graves may be opened in the event of an interment, and that this might preclude access to your grave for a short period of time.

## Is it true that bodies can be removed from graves?

Yes, this is known as an exhumation. An exhumation can be arranged by the burial authority if a family chooses to do this. Due to the nature of such a request. Only the owner of the Right of Burial can request an exhumation. An exhumation licence must be issued by the Ministry of Justice or a Church Faculty, and the exhumation can only take place if one of these is granted. Senior staff from the Burial Authority are present to supervise the exhumation, along with the gravediggers, Environmental Health Officers and in some cases the Police.

## Do I have to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the grave (excluding the memorial) or the grounds?

No. The cost of maintaining the Cemetery grounds and your grave is included in the fees when you purchase the Right of Burial. However you will have an ongoing responsibility of maintaining any memorial you have erected on the grave.