



THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

LONDON ROAD CEMETERY – LAWN CEMETERY PLOTS – R PLOT

Thetford Town Council staff work hard to maintain the cemetery on London Road as a place of peace and remembrance for the enjoyment of all. The purpose of lawn cemeteries is to provide tranquil surroundings for its occupants and their families. Some parts of the cemetery are designated as lawn cemeteries meaning that all graves within these sections are to be grassed with no ornamental items being placed on or in front of them. Over a number of years we have had an increase of personal items left on graves, causing the cemetery to become cluttered and unkempt.

In order for Thetford Town Council to manage and maintain the cemetery, we respectfully requested that any such items be removed by the deed of grant holder. These items included but were not limited to vases, kerb sets, statues, stones, shrubs, plants, ornaments and personal items. It was requested that all items should be removed by 30th April 2017 and that the grave spaces would be returned to lawn. However it has been noted that items are beginning to return to the plots. Please note that R plot will be viewed every week and any items appearing on the grass area will be removed and kept for 28 days after which they will be disposed of.

While the council recognise the sensitivity of this request it has become necessary due to the growing range of personal items that have appeared over time and the impact it is having on both the aesthetics of the cemetery and the maintenance time required to individually mow around specific plots.

The Council have issued new guidelines of what is and is not allowed on our lawn cemetery plots to avoid confusion. This information will be displayed prominently around the cemetery in the future and it forms part of our rules and regulations which are issued when deed of grants are purchased.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the council on 01842 754247, or by email on mail@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or at the address below.

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