

Ref: EIR / 6225

04th February 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Cemetery Charges 2021 - 2026

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

A. Please provide a full and complete schedule of all cemetery charges applied by the Council for the last 5 financial years (inclusive of the current financial year i.e. 2021/22 – 2025/26), and including VAT where applicable:

For the avoidance of doubt, this request includes (but is not limited to, where applicable) resident and non-resident fees associated with:

- **Purchase of grave plot, by any size/type differentiation (including for coffin and cremated remains burials)**
- **Purchase of burial right leases, by size/type**
- **Interment fees (first and subsequent openings) for coffin and cremated remains burials**
- **Burial of organs**
- **Stillborn infant and child burial charges**
- **Weekend/bank holiday/other surcharges/levies**
- **Test digs**
- **Late burial/arrival charges**
- **Grave maintenance fees**
- **Exhumation related fees**
- **Memorial permit/application/approval fees, by type (erection /removal/ replacement/alteration)**
- **Memorial charges by type (plaques, tablets, trees, etc)**
- **Memorial Inscription charges**
- **Regularisation fees**
- **Transfer or assignment of burial rights, by type/size**
- **Issue of Duplicate Certificates**

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- Search fees
- Administration/Change of details charges
- Cancellation fees
- Any other cemetery or burial-related fees or charges in force during the above-requested years

I am providing a link to the publicly available cemetery charging information for what is described as the previous (2024/25) financial year, available from the Council's website – [2024/25 cemetery charges](#).

I would prefer the information to be provided in electronic format (Excel or PDF). If the information is already published online, please provide a direct link to the relevant pages/documents.

Please see the information requested with regard to charges on the attached spreadsheet.

B. Please also provide the following clarifications regarding the Council's cemetery charges:

1. Do the **Purchase of a Grave** costs relate to coffin burials and cremated remain/ashes burials? If not, can the Grave/Plot costs for both category of burials be provided, for residents and non-residents?

Owners are able to inter both coffins and cremated remains.

2. How many coffin interments are possible in a single Grave Plot (i.e. a single **Purchase of a grave**)?

A single plot can accommodate a maximum of 3 coffins.

3. Where relevant, what is the cost for third and any subsequent **Openings**?

Where it's feasible to reopen a plot to accommodate additional burials these are charged as per 2nd / 3rd openings.

4. Does the 'Infants/Under 18' cost category (for residents and non-residents) relate to opening/interment costs for both coffin burials and cremated remains burials? If not, can these be provided, for both residents and non-residents?

Yes

5. Do the deceased under the age of 18 incur grave plot-related costs? If yes, what are the relevant grave/plot costs, for both coffin burials and cremated remains burials, for both residents and non-residents?

No

6. Does the Council apply any Weekend / Bank Holiday / other surcharges (levies) for any of its cemetery services? If so, could details be provided, for coffin and cremated remains burials (for residents and non-residents), and clarifying if relevant to adults (≥ 18 years) only?

No

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Conor Canning

Head of Environment & Building Control

2025/2026**	Charges	
	Resident	Non Resident
Grave Purchase	£240.00	£400.00
1st Opening	£213.00	£203.00
2nd and 3rd Opening*	£203.00	£213.00
Interment (weekend charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Interment (Bank Holiday charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Any other supplementary charges, e.g. for oversized coffins	No extra charges	no extra charges
Cremation/Ashes	£68.00	no extra charges
Stillborn Infant	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (Under 5)	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (5 to 18)	£0.00	no extra charges
Test Digging	£0.00	no extra charges
Permission for Erection of a Headstone	£68.00	no extra charges
Erection of Surround	No surrounds permitted	no extra charges
Grant of Title and registration (Transfer)	£44.00	no extra charges
Issue of Duplicate Certificate	£44.00	no extra charges
Search of Extract from Register	£5.50	no extra charges
Exhumation Fee	£1,405.00	no extra charges

*3 Burials permitted in a new grave

**2026 Price increase doesn't come into effect until Apr 26.

2024/2025	Charges	
	Resident	Non Resident
Grave Purchase	£230.00	£400.00
1st Opening	£205.00	£205.00
2nd and 3rd Opening*	£195.00	£195.00
Interment (weekend charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Interment (Bank Holiday charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Any other supplementary charges, e.g. for oversized coffins	No extra charges	no extra charges
Cremation/Ashes	£65.00	no extra charges
Stillborn Infant	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (Under 5)	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (5 to 18)	£0.00	no extra charges
Test Digging	£0.00	no extra charges
Permission for Erection of a Headstone	£65.00	no extra charges
Erection of Surround	No surrounds allowed	no extra charges
Grant of Title and registration (Transfer)	£42.00	no extra charges
Issue of Duplicate Certificate	£42.00	no extra charges
Search of Extract from Register	£5.50	no extra charges
Exhumation Fee	£1,350.00	no extra charges

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2023/2024	Charges	
	Resident	Non Resident
Grave Purchase	£220.00	£385.00
1st Opening	£195.00	£195.00
2nd and 3rd Opening*	£185.00	£185.00
Interment (weekend charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Interment (Bank Holiday charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Any other supplementary charges, e.g. for oversized coffins	No extra charges	no extra charges
Cremation/Ashes	£60.00	no extra charges
Stillborn Infant	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (Under 5)	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (5 to 18)	£0.00	no extra charges
Test Digging	£0.00	no extra charges
Permission for Erection of a Headstone	£60.00	no extra charges
Erection of Surround	No surrounds allowed	no extra charges
Grant of Title and registration (Transfer)	£40.00	no extra charges
Issue of Duplicate Certificate	£40.00	no extra charges
Search of Extract from Register	£5.50	no extra charges
Exhumation Fee	£1,350.00	no extra charges

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2022/2023	Charges	
	Resident	Non Resident
Grave Purchase	£195.00	£320.00
1st Opening	£180.00	£180.00
2nd and 3rd Opening*	£170.00	£170.00
Interment (weekend charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Interment (Bank Holiday charges)	No extra charges	no extra charges
Any other supplementary charges, e.g. for oversized coffins	No extra charges	no extra charges
Cremation/Ashes	£55.00	no extra charges
Stillborn Infant	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (Under 5)	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (5 to 18)	£0.00	no extra charges
Test Digging	£0.00	no extra charges
Permission for Erection of a Headstone	£55.00	no extra charges
Erection of Surround	No surrounds allowed	no extra charges
Grant of Title and registration (Transfer)	£35.00	no extra charges
Issue of Duplicate Certificate	£35.00	no extra charges
Search of Extract from Register	£5.00	no extra charges
Exhumation Fee	£1,190.00	no extra charges

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2021/2022	Charges	
	Resident	Non Resident
Grave Purchase	£184.00	£306.00
1st Opening	£163.00	£163.00
2nd & 3rd Opening*	£153.00	£153.00
Interment (weekend charges)	no extra charges	no extra charges
Interment (Bank Holiday charges)	no extra charges	no extra charges
Any other supplementary charges, e.g. for oversized coffins	no extra charges	no extra charges
Cremation/Ashes	£51.00	no extra charges
Stillborn Infant	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (Under 5)	£0.00	no extra charges
Interment (5 to 18)	£0.00	no extra charges
Test Digging	£0.00	no extra charges
Permission for Erection of a Headstone	£51.00	no extra charges
Erection of Surround	no surrounds allowed	no extra charges
Grant of Title and registration (Transfer)	£31.00	no extra charges
Issue of Duplicate Certificate	£31.00	no extra charges
Search of Extract from Register	£5.00	no extra charges
Exhumation Fee	£1,133.00	no extra charges

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