

## Extracts from Churchyard Rules of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) for All Saints Waldringfield holds devolved responsibility for upholding the rules for churchyard management under the direction of the incumbent. In order to meet our responsibility we set out those extracts from Churchyard Rules which govern general use.

### PART 1 General

- (1) Nothing shall be erected or placed and no work shall be done in the churchyard without the consent of the Chancellor of the Diocese or of the parish priest.

### PART 2 Headstones, Memorials etc

#### (5) Prohibited Items.

Kerbs, surrounds, railings, stone, chippings, statues, sundials, bird baths, portraits, wind-chimes, windmills and the like; candles, trees, shrubs, photographs, holograms, laminated cards, seats, lights, toys, horizontal ledgers and slabs and other things not specifically permitted by these rules are prohibited.

### PART 3 Management

- (2) Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in the soil of a grave within the area previously excavated but nothing else. Plants or flowers may be placed in a removal container (NOT GLASS). Unless the grave is kept tidy the PCC may treat the grave as part of the turf and mow over it.
- (3) Unwrapped wreaths and flowers may be placed on a grave.
- (4) No artificial flowers other than "silk" flowers (i.e. a mixture of polyester/cotton) may be placed in the churchyard and if they are the PCC may remove them without notice.
- (5) The PCC may remove without notice flowers and wreaths of any kind if they become unsightly or untidy, and any superfluous vases.
- (6) The PCC may remove without notice any other object not authorised by these rules.
- (7) The PCC may delegate the exercise of its powers in respect of the churchyard to an individual or individuals
- (8) Primary responsibility for repair and safety of monuments rests with those who erected them and their successors. In exercising its general responsibility for the churchyard the PCC is entitled to reimbursement by such persons of its proper and reasonable costs for work done by the PCC to keep monuments and graves safe and in decent order.
- (9) Dogs must be kept under control and not allowed to foul the churchyard. The PCC may require dogs to be kept on leads and may exclude them.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE.