



Annex A to Additional Matters Order No. 1 of 2025

Churchyard Memorial Application Form A

Application form to introduce a memorial into a Churchyard

Before completing this application form, you are required to read the Diocese of Durham's Churchyard Memorial Regulations (the "**Regulations**"), which can be found on the Diocesan website at [Churchyards - Diocese of Durham](#) or alternatively a hard copy may be obtained on request from the Durham Diocesan Registry.

Please complete each part of the form.

Permission is sought to erect* a memorial

Name of Churchyard
Name of Applicant
Address
Email address
Telephone number
Name of Deceased
Date of burial/interment
Relationship of Applicant to the Deceased

PART A - DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT AND THE DECEASED

I/We apply for consent to erect a memorial in the Churchyard named above and confirm that:

- I/We have read the current edition of the Regulations.
- All the factual statements to be inscribed on the memorial are accurate and are not misleading.
- I/We have used all reasonable endeavours to provide details of this application to all of the following living relatives of the deceased: spouse, civil partner, cohabitant, parent, sibling, child; and I/we confirm that
 - ☐ no such person has raised an objection to the proposal; OR
 - ☐ the following people have not been contacted; AND/OR
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 - ☐ the following people have raised an objection.
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- I/We understand that if the memorial becomes insecure or otherwise unsafe, the memorial may be laid flat to avoid the risk of personal injury and damage.
- I/We understand that the Regulations do **not** permit any memorial that is polished or reflective, or coloured black, blue, red or white, or made of synthetic stone or plastic.
- I/We understand that the Regulations do **not** permit the following items: kerbs, railings, chains, chippings, fences, statues, attached plaques, pictures, portraits, photographs, artificial flowers, toys, bottles, birdbaths, trinkets, souvenirs, shrubs solar lights or QR codes.
- I/We understand that the Regulations do **not** permit a flower receptacle unless it measures no more than 300 x 200 x 200mm and is either sunk completely into the ground or is set into the base of the memorial and is flush with the top of the base.
- I/We understand that no addition to, or amendment of, an inscription on the memorial would be permitted unless a further separate application is made for permission.

I/We agree at all times to comply with the Regulations. I/We understand that if we introduce any items to the Churchyard which are not permitted, they will be removed and we will have to pay all the costs involved in their removal, and I/we acknowledge the right of the Parochial Church Council to remove all such items from the Churchyard.

I/We undertake to indemnify and keep indemnified the Incumbent (or Priest-in-Charge) and the Parochial Church Council against all costs, liabilities and expenses which he or she may suffer or incur as a result of any failure to comply with the Regulations or arising from any inaccurate or misleading statement made on this application form.

I/We agree to pay the relevant statutory fees prescribed for this application.

I/We believe that the facts stated in this application are true.

Signed by the Applicant(s)

Date

Date

PART B - DETAILS OF MEMORIAL (TO BE COMPLETED BY CRAFTSPERSON/MEMORIAL MASON)

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Type of memorial Headstone memorial; Wooden cross memorial; Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorial;*

Type of stone (where applicable) Sandstone; limestone; granite; slate*

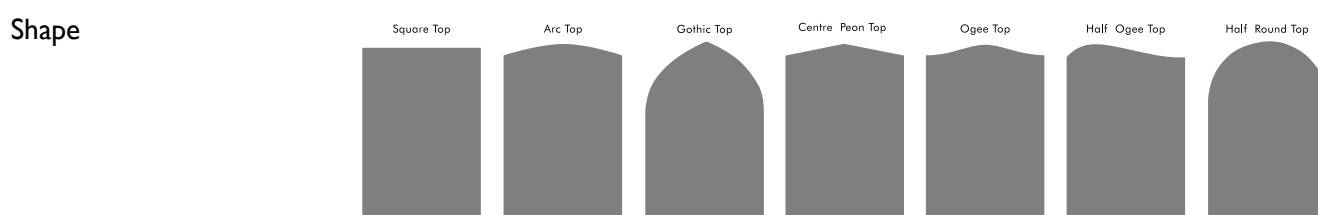
Colour of stone or slate (where applicable)

Does this colour render the memorial discordant in the context of the church or churchyard? Yes/No*

Means of preventing premature degradation of wood (where applicable)

Surface finish of inscription plate. Please provide details of the style of stone finish, to show that it is not polished or reflective

Surface finish of other surfaces Please provide details of the style of stone finish, to show that it is not polished or reflective



Description of any carving or decoration

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(A scale drawing of the memorial showing the dimensions of the inscription plate, base and foundation, design shape, style, and colour, and relation to ground level and including the detail of the inscription and any carving or decoration must be provided when submitting this application form)

**PART C - DIMENSIONS OF MEMORIAL
(TO BE COMPLETED BY CRAFTSPERSON/MEMORIAL MASON)**

HEADSTONE MEMORIAL Please use metric units (eg 100mm)	
Memorial (height measured from ground surface) <i>The Regulations permit:- Height: between 450mm and 1065mm, Width: between 400mm and 915mm, Thickness of an inscription plate fixed to a base: between 75mm and 105mm, Thickness of a slate monolith: between 50mm and 105mm.</i>	Height Width Thickness
Base <i>The Regulations permit:- Width: 915mm, Depth: 460 (front to back), Thickness: 155mm.</i>	Width Depth Thickness
OR WOODEN CROSS MEMORIAL	
Memorial <i>The Regulations permit:- Height: between 750mm and 1065mm, Width: between 500mm and 710mm, Thickness of timber: between 40mm and 55mm, Depth below ground: at least one third of the height of the section above ground.</i>	Height Width Thickness of timber Depth below ground

PART D - PROPOSED INSCRIPTION / MOTIF / EMBLEM / IMAGE

Proposed inscription	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Any relevant information explaining the reason for the proposed wording and motif / emblem / image	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Style and size of lettering.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Description of any motif / emblem / image <i>The Regulations do not permit motifs, emblems or images to exceed 10% of the face of the headstone.</i>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Is the inscription and / or motif / emblem / image to be coloured? If so, please provide further details. <i>The Regulations provide that any colour must be the same colour as the lettering of the inscription.</i>	Yes/No* <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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PART E - DETAILS OF CRAFTSPERSON/MEMORIAL MASON

Name

Address

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Email address

Telephone number

Details of memorial fixing accreditation scheme: BRAMM, or RQMF or NAMM retail membership (where applicable) or other:

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I/We confirm that:

- I/We have read the Regulations and confirm that the proposed memorial complies with these Regulations.
- The memorial will not be erected until written permission has been obtained from either the Incumbent or the Chancellor of the Diocese.
- If approval is given, the design of the memorial will not be altered before it is erected.
- I/We will ensure that the grave and its immediate surroundings are left neat and tidy and level following completion of the work.
- Due account has been taken of the nature of the ground and any potential settlement problems and that the proposed method of fixing accords with the current edition of BS 8415, and I/we agree to indemnify the Incumbent, Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council against any liability that may arise out of the failure on my/our part to construct and install the memorial in accordance with the current edition of BS 8415.
- I/We have public liability insurance in relation to the installation of this memorial to a level of at least £5m.
- I/We acknowledge that if the memorial is found to have been inadequately fixed, we will be liable at the direction of the Chancellor to meet the cost of its removal and/or refixing.
- I/We acknowledge that if a memorial is placed which does not comply with the application submitted and the permission granted, I/we will be liable for the cost of its removal.

Craftsperson/Memorial Mason's signature

Date

PART F - MINISTER'S CONSENT¹

Name

Position

☐ The memorial (including the inscription) described in this application complies with the Regulations and I hereby grant permission for its erection.

The parish's fee for this work will be: £.....

BACS payment details:

Name of account:

Sort code:

Account number:

Or a cheque for this amount should be made payable to

.....PCC.

☐ I am not able to grant permission for the introduction of the memorial described in this application as it does not comply with the Regulations for the following reason(s).

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☐ The memorial (including the inscription) described in this application complies with the Regulations but I nevertheless decline permission for the introduction of the memorial for the following reason(s).

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Minister's signature

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Date

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¹ The 'minister' is (a) the incumbent of a benefice to which the parish belongs, or (b) if the parish is vacant, the minister acting as priest in charge or the curate licensed to the charge of the parish, or (c) if there is no such person under (a) or (b) the rural dean of the deanery to which the parish belongs.

Faculty Petition

If the minister has not granted permission for the memorial to be introduced then the applicant(s) may amend the application to one that is more likely to be acceptable and resubmit it, or the applicant(s) can petition the Diocesan Chancellor for a faculty to permit the introduction of the memorial.

The process for making such a petition for a faculty is set out in the Handbook for the Bereaved.