

APPENDIX D

CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

Authority is delegated to incumbents who, in their discretion may authorise the erection of monuments which comply with the following provisions (and only such monuments) provided the inscription proposed is acceptable to them. During any vacancy and in the absence of a priest-in-charge, the authority is exercised by the rural dean. No memorial may be erected within five yards of the outer wall of the church building save by authority of a faculty.

HEADSTONES

No more than 4 ft nor less than 2 ft 6 in high (1200 mm, 750 mm) from surface of the ground

No more than 3 ft nor less than 1 ft 8 in wide (900 mm, 500 mm)

Not more than 6 in nor less than 3 in thick (150 mm, 75 mm), unless slate is to be used in which case at thickness of 2 in is may be permitted.

In the case of infant burials, headstones must be no less than 2 ft x 1 ft 3 in x 2 in (600 x 375 x 50 mm).

Note: A base forming an integral part of the design of a headstone may be included provided it does not project more than 2in (50mm) beyond the headstone in any direction and provided that it is fixed on a foundation slab (which may be of any suitable material) which itself is fixed flush with the ground and extending 3 to 5in (75 to 125mm) all round so that a mower may freely pass over it. The base may include the provision of a socket to receive a vase.

HORIZONTAL LEDGERS

Either flush with the turf or raised not more than 9 in (225 mm) above a base, extending not less than 3 in (75 mm) all round and itself flush with the turf; inclusive measurements not more than 7ft (2100 mm) by 3ft (900 mm).

CROSSES

Having a total height above ground level of not more than 5 ft (1500 mm) and not less that 3 ft (900 mm). An incumbent should not readily exercise his discretion to consent to a cross, for crosses have been too freely used in burial grounds in the past. He should, in any event, require a high standard of design for a monument in this form.

BOARDS

supported by posts at the head and foot of the grave; no part of the memorial being more than 3 ft (900mm) in height.

CREMATED REMAINS

Where an area of the churchyard has been set aside by faculty for the interment of cremated remains tablets or other memorials complying with the directions in the faculty.

MATERIALS

All monuments to be of hard wood, whether native or imported, painted soft wood, or of the following stones

Limestone:	Portland
	Purbeck
	Derbyshire
	York
	Hopton
	Nabresina
	French
	Portuguese
Slate:	Light Grey
	Blue/Black
	Green
Granite:	Light grey

No part of any monument in stone is to be mirror or highly polished or polished beyond a good matt finish. Lettering may not be lead filled or painted in white or black or in gloss paint of any colour or gilded in silver or gold. If lettering on stone monuments is to be painted at all it must be in a low contrast colour with a matt finish.

Masons' or carpenters' names, signs or marks may be inscribed on any monument provided their position and appearance are seemly and unobtrusive having regard to the monument as a whole.

Incumbents should require an accurate design of the proposed inscription and should be careful not to allow photographs or representations of objects or motifs such as a child's toy nor the inappropriate use of 'pet names'. If those applying for the memorial want anything beyond lettering or conventional ornamentation the advice of the Registrar should be sought.

The incumbent has no authority to permit the erection of a memorial which does not comply with these regulations.

Any memorial which does not comply with these Regulations (whether or not the incumbent has purported to give his authority) may be removed by order of the consistory court.

It is open to individuals to petition for a faculty for the erection of any memorial which does not comply with these Regulations. Such petitions are actively encouraged in appropriate cases. Each case will be considered on its individual merits and the views of the Incumbent and PCC will be taken into account.

