

The Churchyard, Burials and Graves.

The Churchyard

St Cuthbert's has a beautiful churchyard enjoying lovely views to the north and west. It is frequently visited by friends and relatives remembering loved ones and tending graves as well as walkers and cyclists taking a break in a peaceful setting. It is also home to two war graves, and is therefore listed on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's [website](#).

The churchyard's upkeep is one of the most demanding tasks facing the congregation, so we are always grateful for offers of assistance from anyone in the community available to help. Please contact the wardens if you are able and willing; we'll be delighted to hear from you!

Burials

The churchyard has been the site of burials for many centuries, which means that space for future plots is understandably limited. This is the case with many parish churchyards, so there are legal restrictions on who can be buried in them, which can be found on the Church of England's website [here](#). In short it explains that the people who can be buried in a churchyard (whether a body or cremated remains) are:

- Residents in the parish
- Those whose names are on the church electoral roll
- Those dying in the parish

The practice of the St Cuthbert's clergy in recent years has been to adhere to those restrictions, and in addition not to allow the reservation of burial plots for future use. **It is the PCC's policy to maintain those restrictions in this season of vacancy.** We apologise in advance for the disappointment this might bring, but trust that relatives and friends will understand the need for such restrictions and respect the PCC's duty and resolve to uphold them. We are very grateful in advance for your understanding.

Graves

Many graves are carefully and lovingly tended by family and friends of the deceased, enhancing the beauty of the churchyard. We ask, however, that artificial flowers and arrangements are not placed on graves. We have had repeated issues with mowers and strimmers getting damaged by the wires and plastic left when artificial flowers deteriorate. Thank you again for your understanding.

If you have any enquires regarding the churchyard please don't hesitate to contact the wardens via the 'Contact' page.