

## **UNPURCHASED GRAVES**

In an unpurchased grave (also known as a “public” or “common” grave), the Council is the holder of the rights. This means that the people buried in the grave will usually be unrelated and there are no specific rights to have a memorial. Therefore, the cost is much lower than that of a private grave.

### **Carrying out the Burial**

Burials in these graves are carried out with the same dignity and respect as those in private graves.

Unpurchased graves are available in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and the burial fee is shown in our Cemetery Fees & Charges list.

The Exclusive Right of Burial may be purchased at a later date and the current full EROB cost at the time of purchase will be applied. As unpurchased graves can sometimes have burials that are of no relation to each other, purchase of these graves will be at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

### **Memorials**

Older unpurchased graves may remain unmarked but you can purchase a temporary wooden cross. (Available from Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons).

You may prefer to purchase a small memorial from a Memorial Mason, for which there is a memorial application fee. The only permanent memorial permitted is a small headstone, maximum 18” high and 18” wide and other family members of those interred within the grave can also place a memorial. You do not need to purchase the EROB to place one of these memorials on an unpurchased grave, as long as it complies with the size restrictions specified.