

UNAUTHORISED ASHES SCATTERINGS ON PURCHASED GRAVE SPACES

POLICY

To understand what is legally permitted, the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 (as amended), offers in Schedule 2, Part 1 that;

'No burial shall take place, no cremated human remains shall be scattered and no tombstone or other memorial shall be placed in a cemetery, and no additional inscription shall be made on a tombstone or other memorial, without the permission of the officer appointed for that purpose by the burial authority.'

Therefore, the Local Authority should receive an application or request for any scattering, including specifically those which take place over a grave where the exclusive right of burial exists. This will allow cemetery staff to:

- Ensure that the grave owner is making the request,
- Make the relevant entry in the burial and grave registers,
- Charge any relevant fees for the organisation of the scattering service,
- Where possible, provide a member of staff to be in attendance.