

Churchyard Regulations - A Simple Guide

The following is a guide produced by Hughenden Church for families who have loved ones buried in Hughenden churchyard. It is a simple breakdown of the rules as set by the Oxford Diocese in the Churchyard Regulations 2016 for all parishes within the diocese.

Flowers

- Fresh cut flowers and silk flowers are allowed
- Flowers should be removed once they fade or decay
- Plastic flowers and wreaths are not permitted (with the exception of remembrance poppies)

Vases

- Up to 2 small vases may be built into a headstone
- Loose vases are generally discouraged unless approved

Plants and Gardening

- Individual gardens, shrubs, and planting are not permitted
- A small number of bulbs may be allowed with permission

Stones and Borders

- Loose stones, gravel, and chippings are not permitted
- Kerbs, edging, railings, or boundaries are not allowed

Personal Items (Toys & Mementos)

- Up to 3 small items may be placed on a grave with the permission of the minister
- Items are only permitted for up to 12 months after burial and must be removed after this period

Decorations

- Candles, lights, and solar items are not permitted
- Photographs, glass items, and statues are not allowed

Keeping the Churchyard Tidy

- Items that are not permitted may be removed by the church
- This helps maintain a peaceful and respectful environment

We hope you understand that these rules help keep everything natural, respectful, and uncluttered. If you are unsure about any of the rules please contact the church for guidance: office@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

