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Churchyard Regulations

St. James' Without-the-Priory-Gate, Southwick Estate

St. Nicholas', South Boarhunt

1. The surface of the churchyard will be of grass, kept level without mounds. Graves should be levelled by the twelfth month after burial.
2. Fresh flowers either as wreaths or in flowerpots, (which should not be made of glass or plastic) may be placed on graves but The Southwick Estate reserves the right to give instructions for their removal after a reasonable period. Bulbs, plants or flowering shrubs may not be planted on graves without the written consent of The Southwick Estate. Artificial flowers in any form will not be permitted. No items other than fresh flowers in approved containers may be left on graves. The Estate reserves the right to remove non compliant items
3. Parishioners have a right of burial in the churchyard but no one has the right to erect a monument without permission. The following rules should be observed:
 - (a) No memorials should be erected for 12 months after burial to avoid settlement, at which time graves should be levelled to facilitate mowing.
 - (b) A headstone shall not exceed 80cm in height out of the ground and 50cm in width. The headstone should be mounted on a concrete foundation below ground, and there should be no plinth.
 - (c) Memorials should be of Nabresima, Purbeck, Portland, or York stone (or similar stone if approved in writing by The Southwick Estate).
 - (d) Lettering should be of Roman style and incised without colouring or in black.
 - (e) Kerbs or railings enclosing a grave space and chippings of any kind will not be permitted.
 - (f) The name of a firm of stone masons shall not be allowed on stones but in the case of a monument of good design the name of the artist is allowed if unobtrusive and agreed beforehand in writing by the Southwick Estate
 - (g) In the area of the churchyard reserved for burial of cremated remains, memorial tablets shall be set flush with the surface of the grass and shall measure 35cm x 25cm and shall be of Nabresima stone.
 - (h) No memorial should be placed over cremated remains for six months to give time for settlement.
 - (i) No cremated remains to be scattered in Southwick or Boarhunt churchyards.
4. All designs for monuments giving the measurements, foundations, materials and full inscription showing style of lettering must be submitted by the Stonemason to The Southwick Estate and approved in writing before the order for the monument is confirmed.
5. No alteration or addition to a memorial, including by way of maintenance, may be undertaken without the written consent of The Southwick Estate.
6. Any excess spoil from new graves other than topsoil shall be removed from the church grounds by the grave diggers. No tipping is permitted.