



## **PURCHASING A RIGHT OF BURIAL**

Thank you for your enquiry about purchasing a burial plot.

Grave plots are available for purchase in the four cemeteries operated by Sefton Council:

### **Bootle Cemetery**, Linacre Lane, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6ET

- Full-sized graves, with memorial foundation, for up to three full burials and also for ashes burials

### **Thornton Garden of Rest**, Lydiate Lane, Thornton, Liverpool L23 1TP

- Full-sized graves, with memorial foundation, for up to three full burials and also for ashes burials
- Smaller graves, with memorial foundation, for the burial of ashes only
- A separate area for Muslim burials.

For any enquiries relating to Bootle Cemetery or Thornton Garden of Rest, contact Thornton Garden of Rest at Lydiate Lane, Thornton, Liverpool L23 1TP; phone: 0151 924 5143; email:

[thornton.gardenofrest@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:thornton.gardenofrest@sefton.gov.uk)

### **Duke Street Cemetery**, Duke Street, Southport PR8 5EL

- Full-sized graves for up to three full burials and also for ashes burials
- A separate area for Jewish burials, with chapel and washroom

### **Liverpool Road Cemetery**, Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3BD

- Full-sized graves for up to three full burials and also for ashes burials
- Smaller graves, with memorial foundation, for the burial of ashes only
- A separate area for Muslim burials.

For any enquiries relating to Duke Street or Liverpool Road Cemeteries, contact Southport Crematorium at Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Southport PR8 5JQ; tel 01704 533 443; email

[southport.crematorium@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:southport.crematorium@sefton.gov.uk)

### **Fees for grave purchase are as follows (valid until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025):**

For a full-sized plot without a memorial foundation (available at Duke Street and Liverpool Road):

Owner is a resident of Sefton	£1,280.00
Owner is not a resident of Sefton	£2,370.00

For a full-sized plot with a memorial foundation (available at Bootle and Thornton):

Owner is a resident of Sefton	£1,335.00
Owner is not a resident of Sefton	£2,425.00

For an ashes only plot, including memorial foundation (available at Liverpool Road and Thornton):

Owner is a resident of Sefton	£1,030.00
Owner is not a resident of Sefton	£2,000.00

### **How to purchase a grave**

In order to purchase a burial plot, the grave owner would need to complete a paper copy of the purchase form, signing with an original signature (note that digital or typed signatures are not accepted). The form should be returned to the relevant office along with the full fee. Note that there would be an additional fee payable at the time of a burial for **opening** the grave.

Payment should be made by card, either at the counter or by phone. Please ensure a phone number is included on the purchase form so a member of staff may phone to take the payment. Note that we can only take card payments from the cardholder.

Once a grave has been allocated, the Deed of ownership will be posted to the grave owner.

### **Arranging a burial**

All burials should be carried out by appointment. Appointments are available Monday to Friday (not including bank holidays) and should be arranged with the relevant office. All burials and headstone work need to be authorised, in writing, by the registered grave owner.

### **Memorials**

A headstone or memorial may be added to the grave, subject to certain restrictions. You would need to contact a stonemason of your choice to carry out the work. The stonemason will arrange the necessary permit with the cemetery office, which involves obtaining the signed consent of the grave owner. A permit fee, payable to the Council, will be included in the stonemason's fee.

### **Transferring ownership of the grave**

If, as the grave owner, you wish to transfer ownership of the grave to someone else's name, this may be done via the relevant cemetery office.

After a grave owner passes away, ownership would need to be transferred into someone else's name before any further burials could take place within the grave. This should be done through the relevant cemetery office.

For any transfer of ownership, the original grave Deed would need to be submitted to the office, along with the relevant form and fee, plus signed permissions where required. If the original Deed is lost, then a copy would need to be applied for at the same time. An additional application form and fee would apply for this.