Somerset Council
Taunton Crematorium
Fees & Charges
2026-2027

Cremation of the body of a child under 18 years (Under 18 Years of Age) includes Webcast / Holding Photo and Slide show	No Charge
Direct Cremation 08.30 & 08.45 A witnessed (2 persons maximum) or unwitnessed delivery of the deceased through our Chapel to a piece of music of the applicant's choice & unwitnessed interment within the 'Garden of Rest' if requested. Direct Cremation with same day burial within the 'Garden of Rest' 08.30 & 08.45 A witnessed (2 persons maximum) or unwitnessed delivery of the deceased through our Chapel to a piece of music of the applicant's choice & witnessed interment within the 'Garden of Rest' if requested. *All Direct Cremations are escorted through the Chapel by our Chapel Assistant and Funeral Director, accompanied by a piece of music chosen by the Applicant, whether witnessed or unwitnessed.* *Direct cremation witnessed or unwitnessed 5 mins inclusive of entrance and exit.*	£450 £675
Reflection Service 09.00 & 09.30 A 30-minute service inclusive of entrance and exit. 20 people Maximum & unwitnessed interment within the 'Garden of Rest' if requested. The service duration is 20 minutes *An additional charge of £80 will be applied when attendance exceeds the allocated number by 1–5 service users. Where attendance exceeds this by more than 5 service users, the 'Full Cremation Service' fee will be charged* .	£495
Full Cremation Service 10.00 – 16.00 (Over 18) A 40-minute service inclusive of entrance and exit & unwitnessed interment within the 'Garden of Rest' if requested. *Please note that the 16.00 Service, is a flexible service time, allowing for the booking of a Full Service, Committal, Reflection Service or Direct Cremation.*	£1142

Extended service A 40-minute extension to the original service time is available. This is recommended for larger attendances or for families who prefer additional time without feeling rushed. *Please note: A Reflection Service cannot be extended.*	£215
Service Only *A 40 minute service inclusive of entrance and exit and respectful removal of coffin.* *No Return of Coffin within 14 Days*	£225
The cremation of body parts	Fees applied subject to service booked
Penalty for over-running of service The charge will be applied from the moment the last service user or service supplier vacates the Chapel after their allocated time, regardless of whether the following service has been booked. The charge will apply for the initial over-run and for every subsequent 5-minute period thereafter. This charge also applies in cases of over-attendance during a Direct Cremation or Reflection Service	£80
Early delivery of coffin in advance of a service *Charge not applicable to under 18's*	£50
Same Day Request of Cremated Remains Requests for collection before 14.00 the following day from the service taking place *Request for 'No Hold Over'*	£80

Administration

Late Cancellation Fee *(Within 72 hours of the service taking place)*	£175
Admin Fee (Applied for proof of Over-run or Over-attendance)	£25
Duplicate Certificates	£25
Basic Plot Search	Free
Advanced search (Checking of burial registers and purchase Ledgers)	£25 Per Search
Burial Transfer of Ownership / Exclusive Right	£120

Babies and children up to the age of 16 will not be charged for interment.
Charges at the current rates still apply for use of the Chapel and for burial plots.

Where eligible, burial plots and associated services may be covered under the Children's Funeral Fund for England (CFF), subject to meeting the required criteria.

Purchase of Exclusive Rights *(Additional Fee to Interment)* Somerset Council fees below include the Memorial Permit Fee, but does not include the permit fee for Kerb Memorials or Memorials over 36”	
Children under 18 years	General Fees Apply
Burial Plot (50 yrs)	£1175
Burial Plot (75 yrs)	£1439
Burial Plot (100 yrs)	£1611
Baby Memorial Area (50 yrs) ***(Max Coffin Size 11”L X 8”W X 6.5”H)***	Free
Purchase of Exclusive Rights *(Additional Fee for Interment)* Somerset Council fees below include the Memorial Permit Fee	
Cremated Remains Grave (50 Yrs)	£820
Cremated Remains Grave (75 Years)	£966
Cremated Remains Grave (100 Years)	£1113
Casket Burial	£295

Interment Fees	
Children under 18 years	No Charge
Single depth (2nd Interment)	£947
Double depth (1st Interment)	£1101
Cremated remains casket	£295
Scattering of ashes	£90
Additional Charge for Burial within 48 Hrs	£488
Hand dug grave Per Single Depth (Additional Fee to interment)	£650
Removal of obstructing Headstone (Additional Fee to interment per Headstone)	£600
Coffin Exhumation	£4900
Cremated Remains Exhumation	£350

Permit Fees	
Replacement of Headstone / Memorial	£290
Additional Memorial up to 36” (Any ‘Traditional’ Section’)	£290
Additional Memorial up to 48” (‘Monolith’ Section’)	£386
Kerbs in addition to a headstone (Traditional sections only) Single Plot	£693
Kerbs in addition to a headstone (Traditional sections only) Double Plot	£1386
Additional Slab or ledger (Traditional sections only)	£290
Additional Inscription	£95
Levelling / Refixing	£93

The Hedge line

Cremated Remains Headstone

75 Year Lease

Price Includes Headstone, First Inscription, Fitting, Casket, Witnessed First Interment and 2 Deluxe Rose Vases.

Blue Pearl	
Oval with Ogee Shoulders	£ 2470
Round Top	£ 2455
Ogee Top	£ 2440
Half Ogee Top	£ 2445
Oval Top	£ 2445
Black	
Oval with Ogee Shoulders	£ 2415
Round Top	£ 2400
Ogee Top	£ 2395
Half Ogee Top	£ 2395
Oval Top	£ 2395
Light Grey	
Oval with Ogee Shoulders	£ 2400
Round Top	£ 2390
Ogee Top	£ 2370
Half Ogee Top	£ 2375
Oval Top	£ 2380
Dark Grey	
Oval with Ogee Shoulders	£2450
Round Top	£2435
Ogee Top	£2420
Half Ogee Top	£2425
Oval Top	£2425
Ruby Red	
Oval with Ogee Shoulders	£ 2470
Round Top	£ 2455
Ogee Top	£ 2440
Half Ogee Top	£ 2445
Oval To	£ 2445

The Hedge line

Cremated Remains Headstone

75 Year Lease

Additional

Motif

Plain Design	Free
Motif Paint same as Lettering	£120
Full Colour	£240

Personalised Motifs available upon request
Prices may vary

Additional Inscription	£3.80 per Letter
Headstone Re-alignment after 5 years guaranteed period	£90
Removal, store and refix Headstone	£385

Additional Interment (Includes Casket & WoA)	£360
Exhumation from the Hedge Line Section	£310
Ashes from away	£140
Replacement Vase	£25
Standard *Deluxe Vase*	£35

Garden of Rest Sanctum . Price includes interment, Urn, inscription *[in gold or silver leaf],* vases and the 1st Witnessing of Ashes 25 Year Lease Additional years may be purchased in 25-year multiples up to a total of 75 years at any time during the lease.	£1175
Additional:	
Photo Plaque 70mm x 50mm	£160
Motif	£75
Additional Inscription (in the form of a new tablet)	£375
Additional Interment (includes Urn)	£90
Ashes from Away	£140
Removal of Cremated Remains	£35
Witnessing of Ashes	£90
Replacement Plastic Vase	£4.50
Replacement Sanctum Rose Vase	£26

Cast Bronze Memorial Plaque	
Plaque Cost (5 Year Lease)	£ 425
Cost of renewal for 5-year period	£ 225
Cost of renewal for 10-year period	£ 325
Refurbishment of current plaque	£ 55

The Book of Remembrance

The 'Book of Remembrance' resides within the cloisters of the Crematorium. It is dated and displayed on the current date throughout the year

The book offers an opportunity to come and view the words written to a loved one and reflect. The entries may be placed on any significant date of your choosing

The 'Book of Remembrance' may also be viewed online.

2 Line Entry	£150
5 Line Entry	£375
5 Line Entry with a Flower	£450
5 Line Entry with any other illustration	£475
8 Line Entry	£600
8 Line Entry with a Flower	£675
8 Line Entry with any other illustration	£695

Entries for January to March to be received by mid-September.
Entries for April to June to be received by mid-December.
Entries for July to September to be received by mid-March.
Entries for October to December to be received by mid-June

Cornish Granite Tablet

Memorial Tablet with vase and first inscription on a 10-year lease	£846
Cost of renewal for 10-year period	£450
Additional Inscription (Inclusive of collection / Return & Lettering)	£295
Refurbishment of current tablet	£195

Black Granite Plaque with Posy Holder *10 Year Lease* Plaque with text only Plaque with text and motif Plaque with photo Lease Renewal per 10-year period	 £ 425 £ 480 £ 565 £ 325

Granite Bench Plaque *10-year Lease* Plaque with text only Plaque with text & motif Plaque with photo Lease Renewal 10-year period	 £ 660 £ 740 £ 830 £ 325

Vase Holder Plaque *10-year Lease* *Plaque with text only* *Plaque with text & motif* *Plaque with photo* Lease Renewal 10-year period	 *£ 490* *£ 545* *£ 590* *£ 325*

Children's Garden Memorial Options **Note**: Lease up until the Child's 18th Birthday *Taunton Cemetery & Crematorium Only* Baby cast bronze memorial plaque Granite pedestal plaque Teddy pedestal plaque Ellie elephant columbarium niche *Standard design in addition to inscription Renewal (5 Years)	 £147 £186 £186 £310 £92 £255

Sanctum Vaults *Taunton Crematorium Cemetery* *Plaque, First Inscription, Interment, Witnessing of Ashes with Crematorium Officiant* *Included upon initial purchase*	
Sanctum above ground vault for 75 years	£2,731
Double leaf above ground vault for 75 years	£1995
Vase holder (leaf vault only)	£995
Additional Inscription on vault (In the form of a new plaque)	£ 375
Motif	£75
Photo Plaque	£160
Large or bespoke design fee dependant on size, detail etc.	£POA
Additional:	
Additional Inscription (in the form of a new tablet)	£375
Additional Interment (includes Urn)	£90
Ashes from Away	£90
Removal of Cremated Remains	£35
Witnessing of Ashes	£90
Taunton Crematorium Officiant	£50

Visiting *There may be times when it is difficult to visit on a regular basis or you are unable to visit at all. The Crematorium now offers a service for those that may like their Memorial plaque or headstone and the ground around it, cleaned and tidied prior to their visit.*	£11.00
We also offer a service for those that may not be able to visit but would like to lay flowers at a loved one's Memorial**.** Just send your flowers to the Crematorium, by prior arrangement with one of our admin team. We will ensure the Memorial cleaned and the ground around it tended. We will then photograph the plot with your flowers in place and e-mail you the picture.	£17.00

We are here to help

If you would like any further information regarding our Services and Memorials or you would like to visit the Crematorium and be shown around, please contact our admin team to make an appointment.

Office Opening Hours:
Monday – Friday 08.30 – 16.00

Book of Remembrance
Open 7 days a week
08.00 – 17.30 April – October
08.00 – 16.30 November – March

Crematorium Grounds
Open 7 days a week
07.30 – 19.00 April – October
07.30 – 17.00 November – March

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Additional Information

Purchasing a Grave

- Graves may not be purchased in advance.
  A burial plot may only be purchased following the death of an individual, and solely for the purpose of their interment.
- Only the applicant/s for the deceased may purchase the grave.
  Graves cannot be bought on behalf of living persons or reserved for future use.

Resident and Non-Resident Fees

- Single fees apply when the deceased has lived within the local area boundaries for the past 12 months.
- Double fees will apply if the deceased was not a resident of the local area at the time of death.
- Residency status applies to the *deceased*, not the applicant or family.

Burial Rights and Grave Depth

- Somerset Council recognises “Perpetuity” as a 50 - 100 year Burial Right dependent upon initial purchase, counted from the date of the *last burial* within the grave.
- All new graves are sold with a double-depth Burial Right, wherever possible.
- The first interment within a new grave will always be prepared at double depth, whenever possible.
- The Council reserves the right to remove any headstone that obstructs a new interment. Removal will be carried out by a qualified Monumental Mason and will take place up to three 3 working days prior to the scheduled interment. The headstone will be reinstated within three 5 working days following the interment. The Applicant for the Burial and Memorial Rights of the Headstone being removed shall be informed in writing at the earliest opportunity. All works are fully insured, and the cost of removal and reinstatement is the responsibility of the Applicant for the interment.

Note

- All grave purchases are subject to the conditions stated in this policy and any supplementary Cemetery regulations.
- The Council reserves the right to amend fees, procedures, or regulations in line with legislative or operational changes.

Cemetery Policy

Somerset Council is currently developing a comprehensive Cemetery Policy, which will cover all regulations, operational standards, and service commitments for Cemetery management across the authority.

The full policy is in progress and is scheduled to be published in 2026/27.

In the interim, the guidance provided reflects the Council's current operating practices for grave purchase, burial rights, and associated fees.

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