

Borough of Dudley

Bereavement Services

Table of fees and charges in respect
of borough cemeteries and crematoria

Effective from 1 April 2026

		£
1. Interment fees		
a)	Interment fee for baby grave	243.90
b)	Organs and other body parts removed in the course of a post mortem examination	519.00
c)	Interment fee for earthen grave	
	1 coffin depth	1,261.20
	2 coffin depth	1,411.70
d)	Interment fee for bricked grave	
	1 coffin depth	1,157.40
	2 coffin depth	1,307.90
e)	Cremated remains	534.60
f)	Witness interment of cremated remains	41.50

Note: When two interments take place simultaneously in the same grave, only half of the interment fee is payable for the second interment. Last burial time will be at 3.00pm straight to grave from February to October and 2.30pm straight to grave from November to January.

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2. Exclusive right of burial		
	For exclusive right of burial to a maximum number of three interments for a period of 75 years with the option to renew on the terms then prevailing for a similar grant. From the 1st April 2000, this also includes the right to fix a memorial including the first inscription.	
a)	Earthen grave	2,543.10
b)	Bricked grave	2,864.90
c)	Plot for burial of cremated remains	1,370.20
d)	Woodland grave (Gornal Wood)	633.20
e)	Babies grave	285.50

Note: The above exclusive right of burial and the interment fees are doubled:

- i) **When deceased is not a resident or council tax payer of the borough of Dudley.**
- ii) **When the burial rights are pre-purchased by anyone who is not a resident or council tax payer of the borough of Dudley.**

Provided that the increase shall not apply to the interment fee after the initial burial in a grave.

Exception

When deceased lived in the borough for the majority of their life and either moved or took up place in full time care outside the borough within two years of their death

Children's Funeral Fund

Government introduced the Children's Funeral Fund in 2019 for children under the age of 18 years.

This fund allows Dudley MBC to claim all fees for the burial/cremation, therefore families will not be charged. However, this does not include costs payable to the funeral director.

For more details please visit the Government website for details:

www.gov.uk/child-funeral-costs

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3. Cremation fees	
a) Attended cremation service (30 minutes in chapel with 10 minutes to arrive/leave)	1,064.00
b) Direct/unattended cremation (dedicated time slot only)	363.30
b) Cremation of organs and other body parts removed in the course of a post mortem	Free of charge

The above fees include the medical referee's fee, use of the chapel and waiting rooms etc., provision of music system, all the attendances after the coffin is placed on the catafalque by the funeral director, disposal of cremated remains in the garden of remembrance or provision of a container when cremated remains are collected for private disposal and cremation certificate (if required).

Additional chapel services

Live webcast of cremation/burial with further viewing for 28 days	60.20
USB/DVD keepsake of service or tribute	60.20
Additional copies of USB/DVD keepsakes	32.20
Single photo tribute	14.50
Basic slideshow (up to 25 photos, no music)	45.70
Music tribute (up to 25 photos, timed to a piece of music)	88.20
Themed tribute (up to 25 photos, timed to music with choice of themes)	101.70
Extra tribute photos (per each extra 25)	22.80
Digital download link (a downloadable version of tribute)	11.40
Checking of family supplied tribute	21.80
Digital download (stand alone recording of funeral service)	51.90
Extra work charge	22.80
Late fees	22.80
Video book (portable, rechargeable book, set to play videos)	£100
Memory box (up to 25 photos professionally printed - includes DVD and USB stick)	£130.00

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4. Memorials, vases and additional inscriptions		
a) For the right to affix a memorial including the first inscription (for a new memorial when exclusive rights were pre-purchased before 1st April 2000)		363.30
b) For the right to place a vase where no other memorial has been erected including first inscription		103.80
c) For the right to inscribe an additional inscription		103.80
5. Miscellaneous charges - Cemeteries and crematoria		
a) Fee for search of register		72.70 per hour
b) Strewing of cremated remains on grave (including removal of turf as necessary)		103.80
c) Additional chapel time including use of music system		202.40
d) Assignment/transfer of burial rights		60.20
e) Wooden insert in grave		228.40
f) For the services, when available, of one council employee acting as bearer per funeral		91.30
g) Witness of strewing of cremated remains in garden of remembrance or placing in a columbarium niche		41.50
h) Scattering of cremated remains in the garden of remembrance or placing in columbarium niche when cremation took place out of the borough. Includes witness fee if required		41.50
i) Casket		109.00
j) Baby casket		47.70
k) Use of chapel where interment/cremation is not to take place in a Dudley Council cemetery/crematorium		451.50
m) Exhuming previously scattered remains on grave and re-interment into grave for future interments.		
	Single depth	545.00
	Double depth interment	643.60
n) Concrete chamber (Dudley New and Lye Cemeteries) (Muslim section only)		685.10

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6. Memorials and inscriptions			
Book of remembrance			
a)	Entry in book of remembrance	2 lines	109.00
		5 lines	150.50
		8 lines	186.80
		Badges	150.50
Memorial card			
b)	Purchase of memorial card	2 lines	72.70
		5 lines	101.70
		8 lines	124.60
		Badges	150.50
c)	Subsequent inscription on memorial card	per line	45.70
Memorial garden seat - subject to availability			
d)	Right to affix a memorial plaque to a garden seat for a period of 10 years (when available)		1,681.60
	Additional plaque for residue of period		249.10
	Renewal fee for a further 10 years		415.20
Bush roses			
e)	Right to affix a plaque beside a memorial rose bush for a period of 5 years		166.10
	Subsequent plaque for residue of period		67.50
	Renewal fee for a further 5 years		166.10
Standard roses			
f)	Right to affix a memorial plaque by a standard rose tree for a period of 5 years		228.40
	Subsequent plaque for residue of period		67.50
	Renewal fee for a further 5 years		228.40
Bronze wall plaque			
g)	Right to affix a bronze plaque on a memorial wall for a period of 10 years		228.40
	Renewal for a further 10 years		119.40

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Slate or granite wall plaque			
h)	Right to affix an inscribed granite or slate plaque on a memorial wall for a period of 10 years		
		Single	498.20
		Double	934.20
	Renewal fee for 10 year period		
		Single	197.20
		Double	280.20
		Treble	363.30
i) Memorial tree/bush (Gornal Wood) - when available			
	Right to place a plaque beside a memorial tree/bush for a period of 10 years (including first plaque)		856.40
	Renewal fee for further 10 years		358.10
	Replacement plaque for additional inscription for residue of period		67.50
Memorial tree (Stourbridge) - when available			
	Right to place a plaque beside a memorial tree for a period of 10 years (including first plaque)		856.40
	Renewal fee for further 10 years		358.10
	Additional/replacement plaque for residue of period		67.50
j) Family columbarium niche (Gornal Wood) - when available			
	Right to place cremated remains in columbarium for a period of 10 years (including first plaque)		1,307.90
	Replacement plaque for residue period		134.90
	Renewal fee for further 10 years		358.10
	Photo		166.10
k) Family columbarium niche (Stourbridge) - when available			
	Right to place cremated remains in columbarium for a period of 20 years (including first plaque)		1,531.10
	Additional inscription fee		124.60
	Motif		114.20
	Photo		166.10
	Posy holder		41.50

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l) Memorial granite planter (Stourbridge)	
Right to place a plaque on granite planter	643.60
Motif	114.20
Small photo	166.10
Renewal fee for a further 10 years	249.10
m) Memorial kerb block (Stourbridge) new garden - when available	
Right to place a plaque on a kerb block for a period of 10 years	721.40
Motif	114.20
Small photo	166.10
Renewal fee for a further 10 years	269.90
Replacement plaque	124.60
n) Memorial granite book (Stourbridge) - when available	
Right to place a plaque on a granite book for a period of 10 years	493.10
Motif	114.20
Small photo	166.10
Renewal fee for a further 10 years	192.00
o) Memorial Garden Plaque (Gornal Wood)	
Right to fix a plaque on memorial wall for a period of 10 years	306.20
Motif	114.20
Small photo	166.10
Renewal fee for a further 10 years	134.90
Replacement Plaque	64.30
p) Memorial leaf on a remembrance tree (Gornal Wood & Stourbridge)	
Right to affix a memorial leaf to the remembrance tree for a period of 10 years	124.60
Renewal fee for a further period of 10 years	124.60
q) Memorial granite kerb block plaque (Gornal Wood) - when available	
Right to fix a plaque to a granite kerb block for a period of 10 years	534.60
Motif	114.20
Small photo	166.10
Replacement Plaque (photo/motif extra)	67.50
Renewal fee for a further period of 10 years	213.80
r) Memorial kerb block - old garden - when available	
Right to affix a plaque to a memorial kerb block for a period of 10 years	436.00
Photo	166.10
Renewal fee for a further 10 years	166.10
Replacement plaque	67.50