How do I buy a grave?

Normally, your funeral director will help to make the necessary arrangements for buying a grave. Some people may want to make their own arrangements at the time of the funeral. You can organise this by directly contacting us. We will be happy to advise you. If you would like to view the section of the cemetery where the burial is to take place before the funeral, we will arrange for a member of staff to meet with you on the site.

How long can I buy a grave for?

In the cemeteries we manage, we offer several types of grave. The exclusive right of burial is sold for 50 years.

How many people can be buried in a grave?

New graves are dug to a maximum depth of 7ft 6inches, subject to ground conditions. This will allow three full burials. However, certain sections within St Helens and Newton-le-Willows Cemeteries can only permit two burials due to ground conditions. The number of interments required must be specified at the time of the purchase.

Cremation plots for the burial of cremated remains to hold six caskets can also be purchased.

The Bereavement Services Team will be happy to provide you with any further information that you need.

When I purchase a grave do I own the land?

No. You purchase the exclusive Right of Burial to the grave space, which means that only you or a person of your choice can be buried there.

Who can buy a grave?

People who live in St Helens can buy a grave space in the cemeteries. People who reside outside the borough can buy a grave but will be subjected to a non-resident fee.