

**FIRST GARVAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CEMETARY RULES**

Adopted by the Congregational Committee on 9 February 2023

1. The Cemetery will be under the absolute jurisdiction of the Church Committee.
2. The Cemetery will be, in the first place, for the use of members of First Garvagh Congregation. A member of the congregation is defined as a person who has made regular contributions to church funds in the last 3 years. The Church Committee, at its discretion, may allow non-members the right of interment.
3. The right of burial only will be let to non-members granted permission to make use of the Cemetery. A non-member is defined as a person not included in the contributor's roll of First Garvagh Church.
4. Grave plots will be the standard size 9 x 3 ft.
5. Headstones must not exceed the breadth of the grave plot i.e. 3 ft.
6. The fee for each plot for non-members will be £200 with a £50 opening fee and a £50 re-opening fee. A similar re-opening fee will apply to the bridge street graveyard.
7. Contributing members of First Garvagh will be charged £50 per plot with no opening or re-opening fee.
8. From the published date of these rules natural floral tributes only will be permitted on grave plots. To facilitate the cutting of grass and the general up keep of the cemetery these tributes will be removed when the church Committee decides that they have served their purpose.
9. No memorial erections will be permitted in the cemetery without the prior approval of the Church Committee . Those wishing to make such erection will present plans for approval to the Secretary of the Committee. Grave surrounds or the planting of trees or shrubs will not be allowed.
10. A Cemetery sub-committee will have the power to sanction wording on head stones. Should any dispute arise this will be referred to a meeting of the full Church Committee whose ruling on the matter will be final.