

Floral Tributes

Floral tributes will be removed from graves two weeks following placement after an interment.

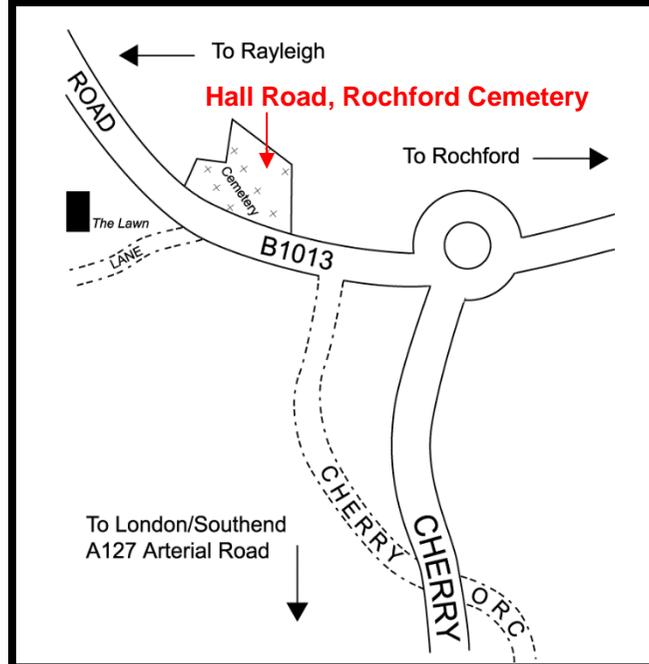
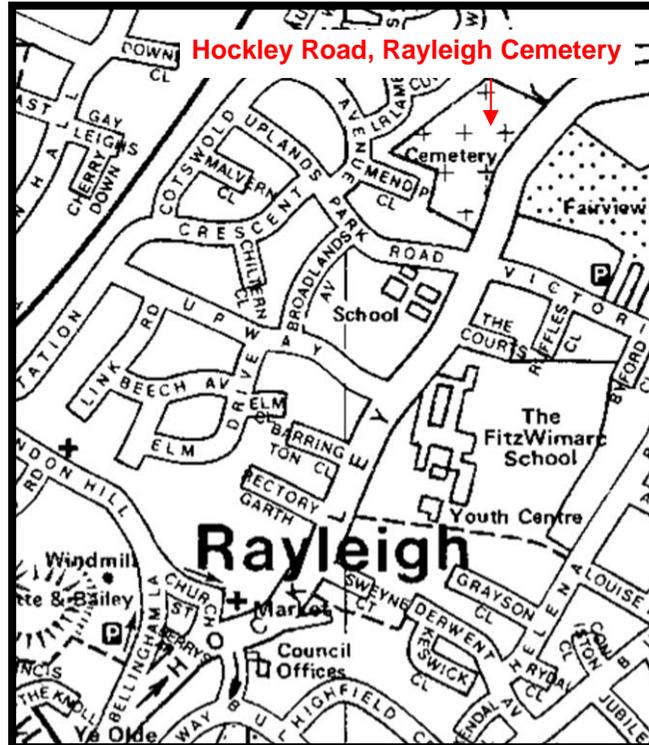
Seasonal tributes at Christmas and Easter will be removed when they have wilted or one month after the holiday.



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Memorials

Hall Road Cemetery

Rochford District Council (the Council) recognises the importance of a permanent memorial as a means of commemorating the life of a loved one, acting as a focus for grief initially and in the future as an historical record.

The Hall Road Cemetery is a Lawn Cemetery and as such memorials must be in keeping with the style of the cemetery and within specified dimensions. All local Memorial Masons are aware of the regulation sizes for this cemetery.

Kerb surrounds are not allowed around either graves or cremation plots and the planting of trees, shrubs or flowers or the placing of plant containers or ornaments on the grassed areas is not permitted. This area must be kept clear in the interest of the appearance of the Cemetery and to facilitate its maintenance.

Memento articles such as wind chimes, cards, pictures, flags, solar lights etc. are not permitted on any tree, bench, monument, or other feature and will be removed and disposed by the Council, without notice.

A period of grace of two months will be permitted immediately following an interment for these articles adjacent to the grave.

Memorials

The Council's prior approval is required before a permanent memorial may be erected, and your stonemason will apply for a

permit on your behalf. The erection of a memorial on an earthen grave will not be permitted until a minimum of 12 months has elapsed following interment. The Council reserve the right to inspect the ground conditions and further delay the erection if that is deemed to be necessary.

In the new section at Hall Road cemetery memorials can be fixed to the installed beams at any time proceeding the interment.

Monuments may be placed on cremation plots immediately after the interment. In the new section at Hall Road Cemetery, only slipper style memorials will be permitted. Not exceeding 31cm in height, 23cm wide and 61cm in length. A side panel may be added.

The Council will allow the placing of a temporary wooden cross whilst arrangements are made for a permanent memorial. Not exceeding 1metre in height on Graves and 40cm on Cremation Plots

A permit must be issued before a memorial is installed, it will only be issued to Memorial Masons registered to a national scheme such as, National Association of Memorial Masons or the British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons or other recognised trade bodies.

All memorials must be subject to a 'Guarantee of Conformity' granted by the mason who installed the memorial. The guarantee is to confirm that the memorial has been fixed to the best standard set by an accredited organisation at the date of fixing and to be backed up by an insurance policy.

An application for a permit may be made by the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial. A living owner is required to give permission for a memorial to be erected or altered. For the memorial request to proceed, the Exclusive Right of Burial may need to be transferred to the person(s) entitled.

Right to Erect a Memorial

The Right to Erect a Memorial is issued to the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial until the Deed of Burial expires. The memorial must conform to the Council's current regulations.

When the Deed of Burial Expires the rights may be renewed for a further period on payment of the fee detailed in the scale of fees and charges. Failure to renew will mean that the memorial may be removed in the future.

The Right to Erect a Memorial can only be purchased by the registered grave owner. The fee detailed in the Scale of Fees and Charges includes a safety inspection of the memorial every five years; however, it should be noted that any remedial work required will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

All memorials must be kept in good order and the Council reserve the right to remove any memorial that is not maintained in an adequate or safe condition.