

MEMORIALS

All memorials are subject to the approval of Biddulph Town Council. They must be installed or re-fixed in accordance with the current BRAMM specifications in accordance with BS8415.

All stone masons working in the Burial Grounds must provide evidence of their registration with BRAMM or NAAM.

An 'Application for Permission to Introduce a Memorial into the Burial Grounds' form must be completed. The form can be used for new memorial or additional inscriptions.

The application must be signed by the 'Grave Manager'/Next of Kin and the memorial mason, and submitted to Biddulph Town Council with the relevant payment. Fees cover ongoing administration costs. Permission will only be granted once the form has been signed by both an approved memorial mason and the Grave Manager.

Accepted memorial sizes are noted in the council's 'Burial Ground Management Policy'.

Memorial insurance can help protect your loved one's headstone or memorial against unexpected damage or loss. Cover may include:

Accidental Damage - protection against accidental damaged caused by incidents such as lawnmowers strikes, falling trees, or other unforeseen events. Cover can be arranged for the repair or replacement of the memorial.

Re-levelling - provides cover for the cost of re-levelling the memorial should it become uneven or unstable over time due to ground movement.

Malicious or Vandalism Damage - cover is available for damage caused by vandalism, including graffiti, or the deliberate toppling of a memorial.

Exclusions - insurance policies generally do not cover depreciation, normal wear and tear, damage caused by exposure to light or atmospheric conditions, or other forms of gradual deterioration. Costs arising from cleaning, maintenance, repair or restoration are also typically excluded unless required as a result of an insured event.

Choosing an Insurer - while we are unable to recommend a specific insurer, we advise that any provider you choose is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).