



Scattering of Ashes Policy

Introduction

Weymouth Town Council's Greenspaces and Resort team have now introduced a policy regarding the scattering of human ashes on The Council's managed open spaces. This is to ensure that the issue is administered for the mutual benefit of all users.

It is intended that this policy will cover the broad common issues, the content of this policy will be revised as necessary to meet changing circumstances and trends. The policy will be reviewed annually.

The Council's bereavement services manage the scattering of ashes within cemeteries.

Objectives of the policy

The Council is seeking to ensure that it is adopting a clear, measurable and sympathetic approach to the management of its facilities, which will take account of the sometimes-contrasting needs of a variety of users to our open spaces.

Any complaints relating to the implementation of the policy will be dealt with through The Council's complaints procedure.

General

- 1) All applications to scatter ashes within the Council's open spaces should be completed on the application form as per appendix 1. Only applications from the next of kin or executor will be considered.
- 2) No memorials will be allowed on the site where ashes have been scattered.
- 3) The Council reserves the right to remove any memorials.

Scattering of ashes on Parks, Green Spaces and Beach

- 1) Ashes shall only be scattered in a location agreed in advance by either the Greenspaces Manager, Resort Manager or an authorised officer, at a predetermined time, day and date in consultation with the next of kin or executor.
- 2) No flowers or similar memorials shall be permitted to mark the occasion on the site at any time.
- 3) The ashes are not allowed to be scattered in one solid mass on the ground and must be scattered thinly. Within grassed areas they should be scattered avoiding shrubs, trees and flower beds.
- 4) When scattering ashes on the beach, they can only be scattered between the high and low tide lines along the shoreline. Ashes cannot be scattered above the high-water line.
- 5) There could be times when access to an open space may be restricted
- 6) Weymouth Town Council reserves the right to develop on any open space in the future
- 7) Care should be taken when scattering ashes, this should be carried out discreetly, being aware of the direction of wind and proximity of family members and other users.
- 8) Scattering of ashes is available 7 days a week between the hours of dusk and dawn.

Adopted by Full Council on 20th September 2023

WEYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Application for Permission for the Scattering of Ashes

1. Name of deceased.....

2. Previous address.....

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3. Date of death: Date of cremation:

4. Area requested for scattering:

5. I, (full name)

Of (address).....

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Telephone number

Hereby make application for the right to scatter the ashes on the above-named park, green space or beach on (date and time)

6. I confirm that I am (relationship to the deceased)

To be signed by the person responsible for scattering the ashes

Signature of applicant:

Date: