

**Bereavement Services**

**Application for a Grant of Rights (Graves Prior to 1972)**

This application must be delivered to Bereavement Services, Community & Environment Directorate, Exeter City Council, Paris Street, Exeter, EX1 1RQ, Tel. 01392 265707, Fax. 01392 265795

Cemetery _____	Plot _____	Number _____
Full name of deceased interred in grave		Year of death
1. _____		_____
2. _____		_____
3. _____		_____
Your relationship to:		
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		

Names and contact details for any more or equally closely related persons – continue on the back of the form if necessary

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your FULL name and contact details:

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that the information I have given is to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate and that I am the appropriate person to be granted the rights to the grave. I have been fully informed of my rights and responsibilities, in particular with respect to maintaining the memorial (if any) in good and safe condition and to abiding by such rules and regulations that may be in force at any time. I understand that if any of the information given above is incomplete or misleading Exeter City Council have the right to terminate these Rights or to assign them to someone else without informing me.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

**In accordance with our responsibility under the Data Protection Act, you should be aware that the personal information you are giving will be held and may be passed to other services of the Council, so that you are provided with the best possible support. We will not pass your personal information to external individuals or organisations unless there is a legal obligation to do so.**

**If you do not want your information passed to other services of the Council please let us know by putting a tick in the box**

Additional information:

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**Exclusive Rights of Burial (EROB) and Memorial Rights in Higher, Exwick and Topsham Cemeteries**

In Exwick and Higher cemeteries, legal Rights were not issued until April 1972. We are aware that monies were taken from bereaved families to reserve the graves as private, however no legal contract was entered into.

At Topsham various legal Rights were issued under different terms and conditions until 1966 and again after April 1972. There is therefore a very short period between these dates where no legal deeds were issued.

In order to rectify this anomaly, Exeter City Council may now be prepared to issue, free of charge, a current legal deed to anyone who can prove to our satisfaction that they are the appropriate person to receive them. In most cases this will be the next of kin, who would have been in receipt of the Rights had they been issued at the time of the original interment, or would subsequently have inherited them. The Council reserves the right not to issue rights for older graves, graves in certain parts of the cemetery or where the issue of eligibility is not clear.

New Rights are now issued for a period of 10, 30 or 50 years and may be extended, at cost, at the end of this period. Rights issued free of charge as described above will be issued for a period of **10** years, but may similarly be extended at the end of the period.

Rights will normally be issued as follows:

For a grave where a child is interred: to the parents of the child *or* if they are deceased to a sibling of the deceased. Other applicants will have to satisfy us that they are the appropriate person and that the parents and/or siblings are either deceased or are in agreement with the issue of the deeds in this manner.

For a grave where a partner of the deceased is still alive, to that partner *otherwise* to one or all of their children. Where there are several children and the Rights are to be issued to fewer than all of them, those who are not receiving any benefit may be asked to inform us of this in writing. Other family members may apply, but again may have to satisfy us that there are no more closely related and interested family members.

To apply for the Rights you will need to complete and sign the attached form. It is the basis of a legal contract and so you should be certain that the facts are correct and complete; failure to do so may mean that we revoke the Rights and/or assign them to someone else in the future. If this is the case we will try to inform you, but if we are unable to do so (for instance if you have moved and not informed us) it will not alter the fact of the change.

If you wish to discuss this further you may contact Bereavement Services at any time:

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