

Religious Society of Friends

Jordans Burial Ground

Headstones

In keeping with Friends' testimony to simplicity and equality all headstones in the Jordans Burial Ground are of similar stone and shape, inscriptions are in uniform lettering.

Headstones are optional, many Friends preferring to lie in unmarked graves. To preserve the present character of the burial ground there are no small markers, inscribed curbs or labeled trees and shrubs where ashes are scattered. Headstones may only be used for burials and where ashes are buried.

Headstones can only be supplied through the Burial Ground Committee since they are prepared to a uniform specification. A quotation for the provision of a headstone can be obtained through the Advising Friend (currently Janet May-Bowles) or the Treasurer (currently David May-Bowles). The current prices are set out on form JBG1 but they may change.

The wording on the headstone is limited to the name of the deceased (nicknames are not normally allowed) with the date of death and either age or date of birth. Only one style of characters is used. If it is intended that a second burial will take place in the same grave please indicate on the attached form. If a second burial takes place where a headstone already exists it may be possible to add lettering. Remember to check the previous style of lettering i.e. sandblasted or hand cut. If the space is too small the back of the stone may be used at the discretion of the Burial Ground Committee.

The payment for a headstone and lettering, or additional lettering or replacement stone, must be the responsibility of the person signing this order for a headstone and is to be paid to the Treasurer within a month of request for payment, unless otherwise arranged. We appreciate that it may take some time for an estate to be cleared so if payment cannot be made within a month of completion of the work and receipt of the account, please tell us and we will delay passing on the order for the headstone until you are ready.

Please return the back of this form, in duplicate, to Janet May-Bowles, who will pass it on to the stone mason. When the work is done he will send an invoice to the Treasurer who will then invoice you.

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Wording for Headstone

Name: _____

Date of death: _____

Either Date of birth: _____

Or Age: _____ **Or** Aged _____ years (years is optional)

If it is desired to use an existing grave please give the name of the person who has already been interred there and the location in the Burial Ground, if known. It is also best to ascertain which style of lettering has been used previously, whether sandblasted or hand cut, if it is wished for them to be matched.

Please leave space on the headstone if it is desired that the remains of another person should, in the future, be interred in this grave: *Yes/No

Please render the account for the headstone to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone Number: _____

For which I will pay within one month of presentation of the account.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

*Delete as appropriate