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Mickleton Cemetery Bench Policy

No benches can be installed or maintained by parishioners in Mickleton Cemetery.

However, families can commemorate a loved one by providing a memorial plaque to be placed on a bench in Mickleton Cemetery.

Memorial plaques can be purchased in memory of loved ones and are governed by the following regulations:

1. The person who is remembered must have been interred in Mickleton Cemetery.
2. Mickleton Parish Council takes no responsibility for the plaque once installed. The council cannot guarantee against theft or vandalism and will not be able to replace the plaque in this event.
3. Mickleton Parish Council reserves the right to remove the plaque after 50 years.
4. The plaque can only be purchased with prior approval by Mickleton Parish Council – no unique designs can be requested.
5. The purchasing of the plaque is not included in the installation fee.
6. The council will install the plaque in all cases.
7. Plaques are to be provided by the family following completion of a plaque application form – requested from the clerk.
8. A fee must be paid prior to the installation – this is subject to change and should be requested from the clerk at the same time as an application form is requested.

The plaque application form will outline:

- Plaques should be brass with pre-drilled fixing holes ready for fixing by Mickleton Parish Council.
- The plaques should contain the name of the deceased, date of birth and date of death, up to a maximum of 50 characters.
- Dimensions: width 150mm; height 100mm.

Mickleton Parish Council has permitted plaques to be installed on benches, but benches must not be decorated with items such as vases, flower containers, ornaments or wind chimes, balloons or any other loose items – these will be removed by the burial ground authority immediately.

The burial grounds are open to the public and any person visiting the burial grounds is allowed to sit on any bench within the grounds.

All enquiries should be made to the parish clerk.