

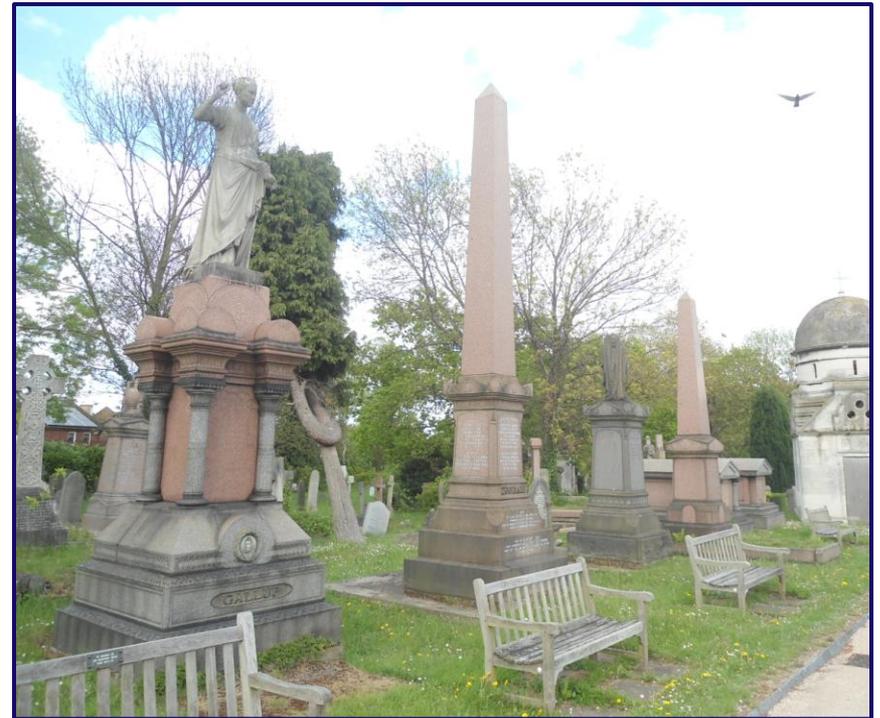


West Norwood Cemetery Regulations

July 2020

West Norwood Cemetery

- The Cemetery is one of Lambeth's prime heritage sites and is one of the "Magnificent Seven" Victorian cemeteries ringing London.
- The Cemetery also represents an important green open space, wildlife habitat and place of reflection for many local people and grave owners.
- Lambeth Council and the National Lotteries Heritage Fund are currently investing just under £7m in the Cemetery



Background

- The 1977 Local Authorities Cemeteries Order permits local authorities to: “*do all such things as they consider necessary or desirable for the proper management, regulation and control of a cemetery.*”
- After this was issued Lambeth produced a set of Regulations covering all three of its cemeteries
- This document exists as a single hard copy, is difficult to decipher and needs updating
- Lambeth has decided to create a new set of Regulations for each of its cemeteries and those for Lambeth and Streatham have been completed
- New Regulations for West Norwood Cemetery have been drafted. Norwood Forum is hosting this public consultation in order to give local residents the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations



Why are Regulations needed?

- Regulations are needed to provide controls on the work of masons, the sizes and types of memorials that can be installed; and ensure appropriate conduct of visitors. These measures are to ensure safety for all users and that a respectful atmosphere is maintained for mourners and the bereaved.
- In addition, following regrettable actions by Lambeth after it bought the cemetery, a Scheme of Management was created through the Consistory Court in 1997. This places restrictions on things like memorials and needs to be reflected within the Regulations
- A summary of the Regulations will be provided on leaflets in the office and on signs at key locations across the cemetery.



Key elements of relevance to visitors

- Children under 12 must be under adult supervision
- Visitors must keep to paths unless tending a grave
- No climbing on memorials, fences, gates or trees
- No dogs are permitted, except assistance dogs
- The consumption of alcohol is prohibited
- Vehicles are restricted to ten miles an hour
- Bicycles, motorised scooters and motorcycles would now be permitted, but only for the purposes of attending a funeral or visiting a grave (as per cars)
- Skateboards and Segways are not permitted
- Only degradable coffins are allowed
- Grave owners are responsible for all maintenance of their plot and memorials
- Herbicide and pesticide use on graves is banned
- For graves created after 1965, a small planting area only is permitted in front of the memorial, extending up to two feet
- All plants on any grave must be kept at a maximum of 2 feet in height and nothing is permitted to be placed outside of the plot area
- Items placed on graves that present a safety risk, are unsightly, or liable to blow away are not permitted. This includes any flower containers such as glass vases left on a grave, silk flowers and any form of edging or fencing
- New memorials can only take the form of wooden crosses or headstones up to 1.2m in height and the use of stone with a highly polished reflective finish is not allowed
- No music audible to other people in the cemetery is permitted unless part of a formal service or authorised event
- Games and sports are not permitted



How to get in touch

- If you have any comments on the proposed Regulations, please email Lambeth at:
- bereavementservices@lambeth.gov.uk
- Please get in touch by 7 August 2020

- The full proposed Regulations can be viewed back on the news page.