

The PCC of the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale

Policy: Parish Graveyards

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1. Every parishioner has the right to be buried in the churchyard, providing there is space available and the churchyard has not been closed. This also includes anyone on the Electoral Roll of the parish at the time of death and any person dying in the parish. Parishioners includes those dying in hospital.
2. Long term residents (5+ years) who have moved into sheltered accommodation would also be included.
3. Applications may be made to reserving plots. Applications will only be considered from those meeting the above criteria without distinction and who are aged 60 years of age or older.
The granting of a faculty for the Reservation of a Gravespace rests with Chancellor of the Diocese, not the Incumbent or the PCC.
4. The above applies to the interment of cremated remains in the area designated for them.
5. A parishioner's right of burial will be extended to any of the open churchyards within the parish with the exception of Tythby churchyard where burials and interments may only be into existing plots and with the permission of the surviving relatives of the deceased person into whose plot the body or cremated remains are now to be buried or interred.
6. Memorials for any burials or interments must comply with the Diocesan Regulations.

In deciding whether to give consent for the application, the Incumbent must have regard to any general guidance given by the PCC of the parish. It is therefore advisable for the PCC to have a policy which sets out its general guidance.