

Stamford Cemetery

FAMILY SUCCESSION ORDER **Guidance & Information**

Burials

If a request is made for approval to open or re-open an existing grave, the Town Council is required to confirm that permission of the Grant Holder(s) has been received for the interment of the person to be buried. The Grant holder(s) always have a right to be buried in their plot provided that space allows.

Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial

A grant is required to be transferred before any further exercising of rights can take place other than the Grant holder being buried in their plot.

Grave ownership is sometimes difficult to establish, particularly if there are competing interests from different family members.

The relationship with the Grant owner, or the content of a valid will, may help to clarify the issue if Grant of Probate or Grant of Letters of Administration have not been obtained. Failing that the order of family precedence will follow the order of succession within the rules of intestacy.

Order of Succession

1. Surviving lawful husband or wife or civil partner of the Original Grant Owner
2. Children of the of the Original Grant Owner (all have an equal claim to the Grant of Exclusive Rights)
3. Grandchildren of the Original Grant Owner (all have an equal claim to the Grant of Exclusive Rights)
4. Father and mother of the Original Grant Owner
5. Brothers and Sisters of the Original Grant Holder
6. Grandparents of the Original Grant Owner
7. Aunts and Uncles of the Original Grant Holder.
8. Other persons with an interest in the estate of the Original Grant Owner

For further information, please contact:

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