



## **Update 16.04.2021 Access to Cemeteries**

Access to all the Council's five Municipal Cemeteries is permitted during normal opening hours.

### **The Council's Municipal Cemeteries are:**

- Monkshill Cemetery, Newry
- Kilbroney Cemetery, Rostrevor
- Warrenpoint Cemetery
- Struell Cemetery, Downpatrick
- Lough Inch Cemetery, Ballynahinch.

The previous restrictions on 25 persons only being permitted to attend burials has been removed. The number of people permitted to attend a burial is now based on a risk assessment approach. Our five municipal cemeteries are large spaces and, provided people attending burials use this space to ensure social distancing rules are maintained, at present the Council is not placing restrictions on a specific

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number of people who may attend burials within its Municipal Cemeteries. This will be kept under review.

The Council has a duty to protect the health and safety of its own staff involved in providing the burial service and has therefore its own standard operating procedures in place to provide necessary protection to staff. You may therefore notice some changes to usual practices if attending burials, such as the wearing of face masks and the presence safety cordons around the grave. These measures are in place to reduce the risk from the COVID-19 virus.

Anyone who has either been confirmed as having the COVID-19 virus, or is experiencing symptoms of the virus, should not attend burials.

Your health and safety and that of our staff is paramount, and we appreciate your continued support.

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