



PURCHASING A RIGHT OF BURIAL

Burial plots are available for purchase in the four cemeteries operated by Sefton Council:

Bootle Cemetery, Linacre Lane, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6ET

- Full-sized graves, with memorial foundation, for up to three full burials and further space to accommodate cremated remains burials

Thornton Garden of Rest, Lydiate Lane, Thornton, Liverpool L23 1TP

- Full-sized graves, with memorial foundation, for up to three full burials and further space to accommodate cremated remains burials
- Smaller graves, with memorial foundation, for the burial of cremated remains only. Can accommodate up to 6 sets of cremated remains
- A separate area for Muslim burials, including memorial foundation

For any enquiries relating to Bootle Cemetery or Thornton Garden of Rest, contact Thornton Garden of Rest by phone: 0151 924 5143 or by email: thornton.gardenofrest@sefton.gov.uk

Duke Street Cemetery, Duke Street, Southport PR8 5EL

- Full-sized graves for up to three full burials and further space to accommodate cremated remains burials
- A separate area for Jewish burials, with chapel and washroom

Liverpool Road Cemetery, Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3BD

- Full-sized graves for up to three full burials and further space to accommodate cremated remains burials
- Smaller graves, with memorial foundation, for the burial of cremated remains only. Can accommodate up to 6 sets of cremated remains
- A separate area for Muslim burials, including memorial foundation

For any enquiries relating to Duke Street or Liverpool Road Cemeteries, contact Southport Crematorium at Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Southport PR8 5JQ by phone: 01704 533 443 or by email: southport.crematorium@sefton.gov.uk

Fees for grave purchase (including permit fee for the erection of a memorial) are as follows (valid until 31st March 2026):

For a full-sized plot without a memorial foundation (available at Duke Street and Liverpool Road): Owner is a resident of Sefton £1,310.00
Owner is not a resident of Sefton £2,420.00

For a full-sized plot with a memorial foundation (available at Bootle and Thornton): Owner is a resident of Sefton £1,365.00
Owner is not a resident of Sefton £2,475.00

For a cremated remains only plot, including memorial foundation (available at Liverpool Road and Thornton): Owner is a resident of Sefton £1,050.00
Owner is not a resident of Sefton £2,040.00

How to purchase a grave

To purchase a burial plot, the grave owner is required to complete a paper copy of the purchase form, digital and typed signatures are not permitted. The form should be returned to the relevant office along with the full fee (in person or by phone). There will be an additional fee payable at the time of a burial for **opening** the grave.

Once a grave has been allocated, the Deed of ownership will be posted to the grave owner for safekeeping.

Arranging a burial

All burials must be carried out by appointment. The opening of the grave must be signed for and authorised by the registered grave owner. Appointments are available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). Arrangements can be made directly or through a funeral director.

Memorials

All work on memorials is subject to prior approval by the Council and must be carried out by an approved and registered stonemason who will obtain the necessary permit from the Council. The permit request form must be signed by the grave owner.

A list of approved and registered stonemasons is available from the office.

Memorials must be of stone or other natural material and fixed at the head of the grave. There are restrictions on the size and design of memorials that may be erected, details of which are held by your stonemason.

Transferring ownership of the grave

As the grave owner you may transfer ownership into a different name at any time. Both you and the new owner would need to complete an assignment form which can be collected from the office.

When a grave owner passes away the Deed must be transferred into a new owner's name before any further burials can take place or the headstone can be amended. Please ask the office to provide you with a Transfer of Ownership form and a staff member will explain the process.

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