



Shropshire Council enquiry regarding available burial capacity

Dear Town/Parish Council Clerk,

Shropshire Council's Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee wish to review burial capacity across Shropshire to inform a county wide assessment of what is currently available and what is planned. It is intended this review will also identify available or planned capacity for non-Christian burial, whether this is for non-faith or other faith groups within our communities.

Accordingly, I'd be very grateful if you could assist by answering the following questions on behalf of your council;

1. Please advise how many cemetery(ies) you manage, please list these including their postal addresses.
2. Of the above cemeteries how many and which ones are active e.g. open for burial?
3. In total, from the above listed cemeteries, how many new graves (e.g. not already interred in to) are available?
4. At predicted annual demand, how long (in months/years) might the above new graves last?
5. From the above listed cemeteries, how many full coffin grave spaces are available (excluding new graves) e.g. those graves that have so far just received one interment but have space for a 2nd or 3rd full coffin interment?
6. At predicted annual demand, how long (in months/years) might the above grave spaces last?
7. At your active cemetery(ies) are there areas that are unconsecrated and hence available for non-Christian and non-faith burials?
8. If yes to the above, how many new graves are there in these unconsecrated areas?
9. Does your Town/Parish Council have any current plan to create new burial capacity for Christian and or non-Christian/other faith groups in your area? If so please provide details.
10. Please include any further relevant detail/comment you wish to make.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return your response to Mark Foxall, Bereavement Services Manager, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND. Email mark.foxall@shropshire.gov.uk

Please respond if possible by Friday 10th August 2018