

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council

Backfill after an Interment by Representatives



- a. Backfilling of Graves – representatives of the deceased may, at their own risk, backfill the grave after an interment, but must adhere to the instructions of the Council representative in attendance.
- b. At all times the Council representative has control and should he/she feel at any time that there is a Health and Safety issue, they may suspend or stop the backfilling.
- c. The Funeral Director must remain in attendance until the back filling is complete.
- d. The Council will provide the equipment which will consist of two shovels, and at any one time only two people will be allowed to backfill. Shoring must remain in place and may only be removed by Council representatives at the appropriate time.
- e. In the first instance, the Council representatives will request those wishing to back fill to come forward.
- f. The backfilling is complete when the earth is level, there will be no mounding of soil.
- g. At all times the representatives must respect the neighbouring graves to ensure no damage is caused.
- h. There is an additional charge for the undertaking of back filling by mourners, also the person organising the interment must sign to give their commitment that the above will be followed.
- i. The Council is not liable for any injury or damage sustained to representatives of the deceased undertaking the backfilling of graves.
- j. The latest time for an interment is 11.30pm at the graveside, where the family wish to backfill.

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