

Charmouth Parish Council

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Policy Statement – Memorial Benches

Members of the public can request and purchase recycled material memorial benches to be located on Council land at the foreshore, playing field and cemetery. The Council has discretion to limit benches in a certain area if all available spaces are taken.

Other locations around the village maybe available for which permission will be required through the Highway Authority and an additional fee will be incurred.

The fee charged includes the cost of the bench and an engraved plaque, installation and maintenance for up to 10 years. When the bench comes to the end of its natural life and is no longer repairable the plaque will be removed and added to the mill stones on the beach hut green for posterity. An alternative option to a memorial bench is a plaque attached to the mill stones.

The Parish Clerk has delegated authority to agree for further Memorial Benches to be installed.

No trinkets are to be left on the benches.

Flowers are allowed to be placed or tied on benches for special days such as birthdays, anniversaries etc. They should not be left in glass or ceramic water holders or other receptacle that if broken may cause injury. This would be for a maximum of seven days, after which time they should be removed. If they are not removed after this time then the Council staff would remove them.

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