

Arnside Parish Council



The Cemetery Chapel
Silverdale Road, Arnside Carnforth, Lancs. LA5 0ER

ARNSIDE PARISH COUNCIL STATUTORY DECLARATION

This Statutory Declaration is a document **signed in the presence of** a Solicitor/ Commissioner of Oaths or a J.P. (at Magistrate's Court) declaring that the person completing the Declaration affirms that they are entitled to claim the rights of burial in a grave space, and that there is no other person known to them who might have a better claim by relationship to, or inheritance from, the original owner. It is usually completed when the Deed of Grant document has been lost, and wills and grants of probate cannot establish any other entitled owner.

Completion notes

1. Enter the name/s of the person/s to whom the right is to be transferred, and their addresses. More than one person can be registered as the new owner, but they will both have to give their permission before any burial or memorial work can be carried out. If there are likely to be more burials (including cremated ashes) in the grave in future, it may be more convenient for the grave to be transferred to a single new owner.
2. Declaration number 1 should give full details of the reasons for claiming entitlement. ie. Not just daughter of deceased, but 'only daughter and heir' if applicable.
3. Declaration number 2 refers to any other person who you consider might have an equal or better claim to ownership of the burial rights. They must give their details and consent on side two of the declaration. When considering this section, bear in mind that the ownership passes by the usual terms of inheritance, unless a will directs otherwise.
4. Section 4 is completed by the Solicitor/Commissioner of Oaths and is signed by them after they have witnessed the applicant signing at the bottom of the form.
5. The Solicitor will require a nominal sum for signing the declaration, then the form must be returned to the address below.

Applicants are reminded that the declaration must be completed honestly and answers given truthfully in good faith. Failure to do so may be a criminal offence, and it is in everyone's interests that ownership of the burial rights passes to the entitled person, particularly if a burial is to be arranged.

For further information contact the Cemetery Officer.

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