



South Swindon Parish Council

Memorial Policy

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Central Swindon South Parish Council recognises the wish for memorials and will consider a memorial on land owned or managed by them. The Parish Council will consider requests for memorials on an individual basis and retains the right to refuse or limit the number of memorials. The content of this policy may be revised as necessary at the discretion of the Parish Council.

OBJECTIVES

This policy has been produced with the following guiding principles:

- To be respectful and sympathetic to those seeking to install a memorial
- To establish responsibility for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of memorials
- To ensure that memorials are not out of place in the area in which they are situated

GENERAL

- All applications for memorials should be made using the appropriate Memorial Application form available on the website or on request from admin@southswindon-pc.gov.uk
- All memorials must be paid for by the applicant prior to purchase and installation by the Council. Central Swindon South Parish Council will inform the applicant of the price on receipt of an application form.
- Central Swindon South Parish Council will attempt to accommodate the wishes of the applications, but it may limit the number of memorials in a particular area.
- Central Swindon South Parish Council accepts no responsibility if a memorial is damaged, vandalised or stolen.
- Central Swindon South Parish Council reserves the right to remove memorials at any time.
- Central Swindon South Parish Council will only permit memorials to individuals or, in exceptional circumstances, a historical event. Applications for pets will not be considered.
- Memorials will be limited to benches and trees. No additional mementos e.g., vases, statues, flowers, wreaths, balloons, or other ornamentation etc., shall be permitted on or around the memorial. These will be removed without reference to the original applicant.

MEMORIAL BENCHES

- Benches must be of the type specified by Central Swindon South Parish Council in order to be coordinated with any other benches already situated in the intended location or to fulfil health and safety or access requirements.
- Central Swindon South Parish Council will be responsible for all installation work.
- Memorial plaques fitted to benches will be supplied and fitted by Central Swindon South Parish Council.
- The inscription on the plaque must be agreed with Central Swindon South Parish Council and there will be a limit on the number of words.
- Central Swindon South Parish Council will maintain the bench within its maintenance programme.
- The total cost of the installation of a memorial bench will be dependent on the type of bench allowed and the fittings required. Central Swindon South Parish Council will purchase the bench, all materials and supply labour for installation and will be reimbursed by the applicant.

MEMORIAL TREES

- Memorial plaques will not be permitted on or near trees. Existing plaques will remain.
- A list of memorial trees and any commemorations will be available on the Parish website.
- Trees will be chosen by Central Swindon South Parish Council in discussion with the applicant to fit the planting scheme of the area. The applicant will be notified of the tree species to be planted.
- The planting of trees may not be possible in some areas.
- Central Swindon South Parish Council will charge for the tree, stake, guard, and planting labour. The tree will be maintained by the Parish Council in line with its current maintenance programmes.