



### YOU MAY

- Have a memorial in local stone, slate, or hardwood within the permitted materials and size limits
- Use simple and dignified wording on the memorial
- Mark the burial of cremated remains with a flush stone tablet
- Lay fresh flowers or artificial silk flowers on the grave or memorial tablet
- Place flowers in water in a built-in receptacle which must be flush with the top of the base or in a sunken vase level with the ground.
- Plant spring bulbs in the earth. Bulbs planted to naturalise such as snowdrops, short daffodils or narcissi and hardy cyclamen bring pleasure every Spring and permit later mowing
- Place Christmas wreaths of natural foliage from mid December to mid February (after this they will be removed)
- Place small crosses and poppies for Remembrance Sunday

### PLEASE DO NOT

- Mark the grave with any kerb or edging of any kind; it makes mowing difficult and can risk injury to the mower operator.
- Lay any chippings, gravel or stones; if caught by the mower these could damage Church windows or persons in the Churchyard.
- Plant trees, bushes, shrubs or herbaceous flowers. All graves must be covered only in grass
- Place any item other than fresh flowers or artificial silk flowers on the grave
- Place any vase or container on or near the grave
- Place any picture, photograph, statue, ornament or similar on the memorial or grave
- Place items in the shape of a book, heart, cross or similar
- Use glass or other breakable or sharp items; this is an obvious health & safety issue and can cause fire.



### ALL SAINTS, BRAMHAM

Parish of Lower Wharfe

*Serving Bramham's Community since 1150.*

### ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD

**All Saints' Churchyard is governed by the Churchyard Regulations of the Diocese of York.**



**A place of peace and calm around a fine Parish Church where people come to reflect, remember, find solace and to give thanks.**

Bramham Churchyard is a rare example of an Anglo Saxon Burial ground, the only one in West Yorkshire.

A beautiful space in the centre of our village free from artificial fertilisers and weed killers, a place where past, present and future meet, and a place to stop and spend time for reflection.

Please help us to maintain this lovely part of our ancient village.

## WELCOME

Welcome to **All Saints' Churchyard** which is enjoyed by many people who value its natural beauty and sense of peace. It is consecrated ground where generations have been laid to rest and are remembered by family and friends over the years. The Churchyard is cared for by All Saints' Village Church Council (VCC) which works with relatives and friends to keep it as a place where all can appreciate its special atmosphere.

**The Churchyard is maintained on the principles of the York Diocese Living Churchyards Scheme, in association with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.**

In 2011 Bramham Churchyard was awarded the Discretionary Yorkshire Rose Award for Conservation in the Britain in Bloom Competition. A small group of volunteers look after the area and the majority of the grass is cut and cleared in late summer. Please help us carry out this work by observing the simple rules and regulations found in this leaflet.

The trees in the churchyard are mainly native species and link to those in the surrounding area. The churchyard is set in limestone grassland and there are many wildflowers which grow naturally here. Carpets of snowdrops and daffodils, which were originally planted on graves, have naturalised in some areas. Spring bulbs and flowers are ideal for this natural, rural site, coming up year after year to remind us of new life after the winter.

Birds, bats, butterflies, bees and amphibians frequent the Churchyard with its rich variety of plants and habitats. We share this holy ground with all the natural world.

Many of the earlier headstones in the Churchyard are of York stone, fitting in with the local limestone from which the Church is built, blending with the surrounding countryside.



**The Vicar and Churchwardens are committed to handing the Churchyard on to future generations with the same character we have inherited from the past.**

The overall atmosphere of the Churchyard depends on balance and consistency in the way that graves are tended. The Diocese of York has drawn up **Churchyard Regulations** in order that this balance is kept. While some of the Regulations are for safety reasons, others are to keep the appearance of the Churchyard pleasing for everyone.

For this reason we draw the Regulations to the attention of all those who tend graves so that together we can provide a fitting resting place for the people of Bramham.

If you would like a copy, please contact:  
the Parish Office - tel. 01937 844402.  
Or: visit [www.thisisbramham.co.uk](http://www.thisisbramham.co.uk)  
Or: see a copy at the back of the church.

## CARING FOR GRAVES

**Caring for graves: a summary for your guidance:**

- *Please* lay flowers on the grave or in the containers incorporated into the memorial (or sunken vase).
- *Please* unwrap flowers before being placed on the graves and dispose of the plastic as it is unsightly.
- *Please* place all discarded plant material in the large bin near the church porch.
- *Please* note that any dead or badly faded flowers, old wreaths or inappropriate items will be removed.
- A *water tap is available*, on the north side of the Church.

**If you find that there are aspects of your grave which are outside the regulations, we ask you to arrange to change them as soon as possible.**

Please speak to the Vicar or a Churchwarden if you are unsure and would like advice. If you would like help to restore a grave so that it meets the regulations, we will be pleased to assist as we understand it is not always easy for relatives to do this. The maintenance of the Churchyard is entirely dependent on voluntary work by local people so please be patient if you find any shortcomings.

