



Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

PARKS & GREEN SPACES MEMORIAL POLICY

1.0 Introduction

Bredon Parish Council (BPC) supports the needs and principles of allowing memorials in parks and green space areas, but is also mindful that these facilities have many uses and are enjoyed by a wide range of people. The Council will therefore ensure that the issue is managed and regulated for the mutual benefit of all.

2.0 Objectives of the Policy

This policy has been produced with the following guiding principles:

- To be respectful, sympathetic and easily understood by customers
- To balance the sometimes contrasting needs of a variety of facility users
- To maintain and enhance the high quality appearance of sites and not detract from their prime recreational purpose
- To clearly establish the responsibility for maintenance, repair and replacement of memorials
- To achieve full cost recovery by BPC for any memorials provided

3.0 Sites Included

Only the sites under the direct management of BPC will be subject to this policy. Recreational open spaces within the wider borough managed by Town and Borough Councils will be subject to their own policies. The sites listed below are included within the policy, but further sites may be added in the future.

- Bredon Playing Fields
- Village Hall Green
- Dock Lane
- Cherry Orchard Play Area
- Glebe Field
- Green in middle of Blenheim Drive estate

4.0 Operation of Policy

The policy will be available to the public on the BPC website and in hard copy format through The Clerk.

4.1 General

No flower or similar memorials shall be permitted to mark the site at any time.

The Council will not grant applications for memorials to, or to scatter the ashes of pets.

4.2 Memorial Benches

Memorials will be positioned to maximise the benefit and development of the park and the number of memorials in a particular area will be limited. However the Council will attempt to accommodate the wishes of the applicants wherever possible.

In order to maintain consistency of appearance, quality and control over location, all benches will be ordered and installed by BPC.

The total cost of the installation of a memorial bench (including plaque) will be dependent on style appropriate for the site and will be based on cost price plus 10% to cover materials and labour and ongoing maintenance.

The council in line with the current maintenance regime for benches will maintain the bench. However, no replacement liability will be accepted at the end of the useful life of the bench or if it is damaged through vandalism.

Each site has a maximum number of benches that can be accommodated and when this has been reached an alternative site will be offered. Alternatively an option to refurbish or replace an existing old bench with a new one may be offered subject to the condition of the existing bench.

4.3 Memorial Trees

The planting of memorial trees will only be permitted if agreed in advance with BPC.

The species of tree will be of a native variety and will be at the discretion of BPC in keeping with the local environment. Trees will be planted during the autumn and winter planting season by Council employees, but the member of public may be present and assist if practicable and desired.

The total cost of the tree will be dependent on style appropriate for the site and will be based on cost price plus 10% to cover materials, transport, labour and ongoing maintenance.

Bredon Parish Council will not accept responsibility or liability in respect of any damage to or loss of a memorial tree unless this is reasonably shown to be due to the negligence of the Council.

4.4 Scattering of Ashes

Ashes shall only be scattered in a location agreed in advance by the BP at a predetermined time and date.

5.0 Appendices

Appendix A details the number of sites identified as available for memorial benches


APPENDIX A – Number of memorial benches available – March 2016


Location	Current number of memorial benches
Bredon Playing Fields	12
Village Hall Green	1
Dock Lane	5
Cherry Orchard Play Area	0
Glebe Field	0
Land by Brasenose road	1
Green around Obelisk	1
Green in middle of Blenheim Estate	0
Green on Cheltenham Road	0
Bredons Norton Village Hall	5
Bredons Norton Bus Top	1
Bredons Norton Entrance to Park	1

APPENDIX B – Current Memorials in the Parish

Type	Location	Photo
Bench	Main Road, near Railway Bridge	
Bench	Playing Fields SW corner near Toddler Area	
Bench	Playing Fields SW corner near Toddler Area	
Bench	Playing Fields W edge near Wooden Spider	
Bench	Playing Fields NW corner	

Bench	Playing Fields NW corner	
Tree	Playing Fields NW corner	
Bench	Playing Fields N edge near Rugby Pitch	
Bench	Playing Fields N edge near Rugby Pitch	
Bench	Playing Fields NE Corner near Tennis Courts	
Bench	Playing Fields by Tennis Clubhouse	
Bench	Playing Fields behind Muga	
Bench	Playing Fields in front of Football Clubhouse	
Bench	Playing Fields in front of Bowls	
Bench	Village Hall Grounds	

Bench	Opposite Village Hall by Bus Stop	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "In memory of FRANK ADAMSON 1925-2001 For those who stand and wait".
Bench	The Dock No 1	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "PRESENTED BY JAMES BRITTON".
Bench	The Dock No 2	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "PRESENTED BY JAMES BRITTON".
Bench	The Dock No 3	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "SILVER JUBILEE 1952-1977 PRESENTED BY BREXTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE".
Bench	The Dock No 4	 A black rectangular plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL DAVIDSON FROM HIS FAMILY 1997".
Bench	The Dock No 5	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "PRESENTED BY FORMER PUPILS OF TENKESBURY HIGH SCHOOL IN MEMORY OF ISOBEL CRAIGHEAD".
Bench	By Bus Stop opposite Farm Lane	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "PRESENTED BY FORMER PUPILS OF TENKESBURY HIGH SCHOOL IN MEMORY OF ISOBEL CRAIGHEAD".
Bench	Churchyard No 1	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "In Memory of Fred, Eileen and Molly Nind".
Bench	Churchyard No 2	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text reads: "PLACED HERE AT THE REQUEST OF FRITZ H. SOMMER 18.4.24 - 6.6.94 MAY YOU KNOW PEACE".
Bench	Obelisk on Church Lane	 A rectangular metal plaque mounted on a wooden surface. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and angle.

Bench	By entrance to St Giles Road	
Bench	Bredons Norton Village Hall	Miss Gladys Edith deHorne Cooper
Bench	Bredons Norton Village Hall	Joe Wood
Bench	Bredons Norton Village Hall	Joe Wood
Bench	Bredons Norton Village Hall	John and Angela Farey
Bench	Bredons Norton Village Hall	No Name
Bench	Bredons Norton Bus Stop	Reg Davies
Bench	Bredons Norton Entrance to Park	Silver Jubilee