

Hilton Parish Council

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Memorial Meadow Terms and Conditions

The Memorial Meadow is an asset for the community of Hilton residents. It is looked after by Hilton Parish Council. We need to have a few simple rules to keep the asset the attractive place for quiet reflection that the community can enjoy.

The central part is reserved for the remembrance of servicemen from Hilton, Marston and Hoon. To the left and the right of the central area are spaces for the remembrance of local residents. There is also a small area reserved for the remembrance of pets.

Plaques and stakes for commemorating a person or pet can only be supplied by Hilton Parish Council to ensure a uniform appearance.

A resident buys the plaque and the stake and owns them in perpetuity. If a plaque needs replacing, a replacement can only be ordered from Hilton Parish Council. The wording on the plaque is limited to 6 lines with up to 30 characters on each line.

Hilton Parish Council will agree with the resident which tree in the memorial meadow will have the plaque in front of it. Subject to the demarcation of servicemen, residents and pets, agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.

Having selected the tree, the timing of the placement of the plaque will be agreed with the owner such that they can be present when it is installed.

It is important to note that the owner of the plaque does not own the tree; this remains the property of Hilton Parish Council. Should the tree die or no longer be suitable for the purpose of commemoration, and then Hilton Parish Council will agree with the plaque owner a different tree for the location of the plaque. Again, subject to the above demarcation, agreement will not be unreasonably withheld. In the event there is no longer an identifiable person to act as plaque owner, then Hilton Parish Council will assume that role and will maintain the plaque as if it were the original owner.

Once the tree has been agreed, the plaque owner agrees not to put pots, plants or other items around the tree. This is because the space is limited and would prevent the tidy up-keep of the garden by the ground staff.

A simple floral tribute is allowed on recognised anniversaries. The person placing such tribute is expected to remove it once the floral tribute has died or after a sufficient time to mark the anniversary. Hilton Parish Council reserves the right to remove such tributes if they are deemed to be excessive or are left too long.

No tributes can be hung in the tree e.g. ribbons, CDs, Christmas Decorations as these may damage the tree and/or have a negative effect on the wildlife that enjoys the meadow. If a tribute is hung in the tree, the owner of the plaque will be requested to remove it. Failing that, it will be removed by Hilton Parish Council.

Human or pet ashes may not be scattered in the meadow as this contrary to South Derbyshire District Council policy.

In order to maintain the character of the memorial meadow as an attractive place for quiet reflection, if necessary, Hilton parish Council may amend these terms and conditions.

On ordering a plaque, the resident will be asked to sign a form accepting these terms and conditions.