

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures for Atlantic Rest Natural Burial.


Legislation was passed on 26th March 2020 by Government in response to the global pandemic:

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020

Further restrictions and closures during the emergency period

5. (8) A person who is responsible for a crematorium or burial ground must ensure that, during the emergency period, the crematorium is closed to members of the public, except for funerals or burials.

Therefore as of 27th March 2020 we have taken steps to close the site until further notice.

We will update if anything changes as soon as we know.
Please stay safe everyone and rest assured that we will continue to look after your loved ones as we always have 

When burials take place:

- We will be encouraging gatherings to be as small as practicably possible - larger memorial services can always be held at a later date when it is deemed safe to do so.
- We will be offering hand sanitiser to all attendees of any burials and asking them to use it on entering the site and before leaving the site. (if hand sanitiser becomes impossible to source we will have to offer hand wipes and disposable nappy sacks for them to be taken home and disposed of, we really hope not to do that due to the non environmental credentials of that but if needs must - safety is paramount).
- No contact will take place between staff and attendees of burials - ie hugging or handshaking. Everyone will be expected to keep their distance from one another.
- The toilet is now closed to use by anyone.
- The door handles/lock will be cleaned on burial days along with the gate latches.
- Lowering webs are always subject to a 60 degree in the washing machine after each use. I will be the only one handling them before and after use with gloves and they will be transported in a sealed plastic bag to and from Penlow.
- Paperwork relating to a burial (ie green form or white form) will be placed in a plastic wallet and not opened to be dealt with for 24 hours.
- Tours of Penlow will only go ahead in conjunction with arranging a burial if a plot has not been pre-purchased. Providing that the next of kin is fit and well and providing that I am too. Regrettably hot drinks are not currently being offered with a tour as previously. The windows are being opened throughout the duration of the meeting while in the office with appropriate seating space between attendees of said meeting.

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As burials are outside this minimises risk factors. Please do not attend if you feel unwell with any of the corona virus symptoms. If it is warranted we could look at the possibility of streaming a burial service to anyone that wanted to be there. We have not done this before but there are ways and means no doubt.

These measures are subject to change at any time in line with Public Health England and Government guidelines.

Thank you

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