

Visiting our Cemeteries

Visiting restrictions

Government guidance on limiting the spread of coronavirus means we have had to restrict the activities that take place in our cemeteries.

We now allow for interment of cremated remains but please contact us for the latest government guidance on the number of mourners permitted at the graveside.

About our cemeteries

Farnham Town Council is the burial authority. This means we are responsible for burials which take place in the cemeteries, maintaining the cemeteries and the upkeep of the cemetery records.

Our cemeteries

We look after:

- Hale Cemetery, Alma Lane, Upper Hale, GU9 0LR
- Badshot Lea Cemetery, Badshot Lea Road, Farnham, GU9 9HX
- Green Lane Cemetery, Green Lane, Farnham, GU9 8TQ
- West Street Cemetery, West Street, Farnham, GU9 7AP

Opening times

Our cemeteries are always open for visitors.

Parking

West Street Cemetery

Parking for around six cars.

Green Lane Cemetery

There is parking for approximately six cars at the top entrance lay by.

Badshot Lea Cemetery

There is a small lay by for two cars. Further parking may be found along the roadside.

Hale Cemetery

On street parking only.

Accessibility

If you have a mobility or physical disability and would like to take your car to a graveside, please contact us using the contact details on this page.

Cemetery rules and guidelines

We have a set of [cemetery regulations and guidelines](#) in place to ensure the cemeteries are pleasant places for all. We welcome everybody to our cemeteries but ask all visitors to act in a manner that is respectful to the deceased and bereaved. Dogs can be walked in our cemeteries. To ensure the cemeteries are pleasing for everybody we ask that visitors with dogs:

1. remove dog dirt

2. keep their dog on a lead
3. put the dog on a lead and keep it on a lead when requested
4. keep their dog off grassed areas in the cemeteries

Finding a grave

A map showing the general layout of the cemetery can be found on the noticeboards at the main entrance to each cemetery. If you would like to see a detailed plan showing the position and allocation of grave spaces please contact us to make an appointment.

Graves of note

Green Lane

George Sturt (1863-1927) an author, and his sisters are buried in the cemetery. George Sturt, who was born and died in Farnham was a writer and keen observer of daily life and social interaction. His books include *The Wheelwright's Shop* and *Memoirs of a Surrey Labourer*.

Arthur J Stedman (1868-1958) an architect, completed some fine works in West Surrey including the McDonald Almshouses in West Street, Farnham.

Eille Norwood (Anthony Edward Brett) (1869-1948) actor and compiler of the Daily Express crossword puzzle. He is best known for playing Sherlock Holmes in 47 silent films.

Sir Robert Pringle (1855-1926) Major General in the British Army. He was director of the Army Veterinary Service and did much to improve military horse and dog conditions during the First World War.

Hale Cemetery

William Ellis (1831-1913) served in the XI Hussars and is said to have been the last survivor of the charge of the Light Brigade. His gravestone was bought by the XI Hussars and bears the regimental crest. The inscription reads: 'He served in the XI Hussars and rode in the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava on October 25th 1854'.

West Street

Mike Hawthorn – the UK's first Formula 1 world champion in 1958. He died in a car crash on the A3 near Guildford in 1959.

Harold Falkner – Early 20th century architect who helped to maintain Farnham as a Georgian town.

Cobbett family plot – son and daughter of the late William Cobbett who was a radical political writer and who died in 1835.

Charles Earnest Borelli – co founder of the 'Old Farnham Society', which aimed to promote conservation in Farnham in the early 20th century. He died in 1950.

George Elphick – founder of the first Elphick's department store in 1881 and who died in 1921.

Commonwealth War Graves

Farnham's cemeteries have 74 Commonwealth War Graves. These belong to casualties of World War I and World War II. The graves are marked with the traditional memorial of Portland stone and are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. West Street cemetery commemorates 40 Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorials. There are 13 war graves in Green Lane cemetery, 20 in Upper Hale cemetery and one in Badshot Lea cemetery. To find a grave [download a list of names and locations of CWGC memorials](#).

See the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission website](#) for records on the war dead.

War Memorials

Farnham Town Council ensures that the four [war memorials](#) at Gostrey Meadow, Hale, Badshot Lea and Weybourne are maintained and legible.

Garden of reflection

West Street Garden of Reflection is open to everyone and offers a quiet space to sit and reflect. The garden is planted with white flowering plants, which adds to the feeling of serenity. The garden includes a book in which commemorative plaques may be placed.

Wildlife havens

Farnham's cemeteries are a natural habitat for wildlife. An area in West Street cemetery near the water meadows is kept uncut during the summer months. The space has been sown with native wildflowers and this has enhanced biodiversity in the cemetery. Our cemeteries are home to numerous bird species, butterflies, mammals, amphibians and reptiles. We encourage wildlife by creating log piles, collecting leaves to produce compost and encouraging mini ecosystems.