

Finding a grave

What you need to know

With 170,000 people buried in 53,000 graves at Highgate Cemetery, finding the person you are looking for may not be easy. Grave numbers themselves give no clue to where people are in the cemetery as they were allocated in order of purchase, not according to the location.

East and West

Highgate Cemetery is in two parts, the East Cemetery and the West Cemetery. Visitors may wander the East Cemetery unescorted, but for safety reasons unaccompanied visitors are not permitted in the West. This means that if the person you are looking for is buried in the West Cemetery (squares 1-63) a location search is essential. Although the cemetery is divided into squares, there is no indication of these on the ground. It is unlikely that you will find a grave easily by yourself.

What if the person I am looking for is not at Highgate Cemetery?

The search fee is not refundable. We will suggest other cemeteries to contact, or you could try searching on www.deceasedonline.com.

What are my alternatives?

Copies of our registers up to 1975 are held at Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PA where they may be consulted for free. Our records may also be searched at www.deceasedonline.com. This is a commercial service and fees are payable. Note that if the grave is in the West Cemetery, you will still need to pay for a location search.

Memorials

Not all graves have memorials, and memorials were not permitted on 'common' or 'public' graves. Memorials are the responsibility of the registered owner and not of the cemetery.

Grave ownership and admission charges

Every private grave has at least one named registered owner. Location searches are free for the registered owner of the grave being searched for. If you believe you may be entitled to own a grave, please ask for a copy of our guidance on *Owning and transferring burial rights*. A fee is payable for the transfer of ownership.

Registered owners are provided with passes which give free access to their grave so they do not have to pay admission fees to visit the cemetery.

Fees and Payment

We prefer payment by bank transfer. Please send payment to Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust, Unity Trust Bank plc, Sort Code 60-83-01 Account Number 20304100. For foreign payments, our IBAN number is GB93 NWBK 6002 3571 4180 24. Swift Code: NWBKGB2L.

Alternatively please pay by cheque to 'Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust' or by PayPal to paypal@highgatecemetery.org.

Book a grave search

Please read the important information overleaf.

Then return this form to us with your payment. We will get back to you within two weeks.

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Surname Date of death

First names

Any other info

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SERVICE REQUIRED (please select)

£40

Full service

- Register search
- Copy of entry in register
- Clear access to grave
- Digital photograph of grave
- A map showing the location in the context of the cemetery as a whole
- An appointment for you and up to three others to see it

£25

Location search only

Only suitable if you already know the grave number and square

- Clear access to grave
- Digital photograph of grave
- A map showing the location in the context of the cemetery as a whole
- An appointment for you and up to three others to see it

YOUR DETAILS

Name Phone

Address Mobile

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Email

PREFERRED DATE AND TIME FOR APPOINTMENT

Appointments are available Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Please telephone Justin Bickersteth on 020 8347 2471 to book. Justin is normally in Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

PAYMENT

Please indicate how you have paid for the search

Bank transfer Cheque PayPal Free of charge

OFFICE USE ONLY

Payment rec'd date		Appointment confirmed for		Booked with searcher		Added to calendar	
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