



Cherrett Memorials

Monuments in Granite, Stone, Marble & Slate

How long should we wait before having a memorial on the grave?

You can order a memorial at any time; however we can only place the memorial on the grave once the ground has settled. Typically, this is about six months after burial, however, may be longer in cases of burial authority rules and ground conditions. If cremated remains are interred in a grave, a memorial may be fixed in place immediately, as the ground requires no settling period.

There are so many types of headstone material, which one is best to choose?

At Cherrett Memorials we only use natural stones with a wide selection for you to decide on, however the “best” is down to your own preference and what character of memorial you want to remember a loved one by.

Here are a few examples:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Granite</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The most durable stone of all and very suited to the British climate. It comes in many colours including black, grey, blue and red. Polished and honed finishes bring out the beauty and deep colour of the stone.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>White Marble</u></p> <p>White in colour, veined with blue/grey markings. It is naturally porous and not recommended for use near to trees or damp areas. Always given a finely rubbed finish. <u>Not</u> permitted for use in churchyards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>York</u></p> <p>A sandstone from quarries in Yorkshire which have been mined since medieval times. Darker than Portland in colour, it is durable, however still lends itself to sympathetic weathering and a traditional look.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Portland</u></p> <p>A soft, light beige coloured stone which discolours relatively quickly giving an aged look and is traditionally used in Churchyards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nabresina</u></p> <p>A fine, hard limestone which is fawn/beige in colour, with a finely rubbed finish. It is suitable for most churchyards.</p>

We have been told we cannot have a highly polished finish to the memorial at our local Churchyard. What alternative options do we have?

There are regulations about memorials which vary between different authorities and parishes. We can advise further if it affects you.

Here are the finishes that can be produced on a memorial:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Polished</u></p> <p>All visible areas of the memorial are polished except any design work or inscription. The Church of England does not allow polished finishes on any memorial.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Part Polished</u></p> <p>The polished area of a memorial is restricted to the inscription face and top of the base where applicable. All other surfaces will be pitched, sawn, sanded, blasted or rubbed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Honed</u></p> <p>A honed finish is extremely smooth, however, it is non-reflective and particularly suitable for most churchyards as an alternative to a polished finish.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pitched</u></p> <p>A pitched finish is one that has been obtained by using a bolster and hammer which gives a rough finish to the memorial which is particularly popular on the edges.</p>

