



## **Second or Subsequent Burial**

If a request is made for approval to re-open an existing grave to allow a second or subsequent burial, the Parish Council is required to confirm that the person to be buried has the permission of the grave owner.

Grave ownership is sometimes difficult to establish, particularly if there are competing interests from different family members.

## **Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial**

The relationship with the grave owner, or the content of a valid will, may help to clarify the issue. Failing that the order of family precedence will follow the order of succession within the rules of intestacy.

## **Order of Succession**

- 1 Surviving lawful husband or wife or civil partner
- 2 Children of the deceased
- 3 Grandchildren of the deceased
- 4 Father and mother of the deceased
- 5 Whole blood brothers and sisters of the deceased
- 6 Whole blood nephews and nieces of the deceased
- 7 Half-blood brothers and sisters of the deceased
- 8 Half-blood nephews and nieces of the deceased
- 9 Grandparents
- 10 Whole blood uncles and aunts of the deceased
- 11 Children of whole blood uncles and aunts of the deceased (full cousins)
- 12 Half-blood uncles and aunts of the deceased
- 13 Children of half-blood uncles and aunts of the deceased (half-blood cousins)
- 14 Other persons with an interest in the estate

*(NB – Step-children do not come into the order of succession)*

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