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Bereavement Services

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Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

1. *How many cemeteries are operated by your council? How many burial plots does this total?*

Lewes District Council operates 2 cemeteries (Seaford and Lewes). The total number of plots is not known.

2. *How many cemeteries still have spaces and how many burial plots are remaining? (Please provide the names of each cemetery and how many spaces it has in total and the number remaining)*

**Seaford Cemetery: Number of plots remaining unknown, as not all areas have been marked out for plots yet. However, it is estimated that the remaining areas will provide burials for a further 15 years.
Lewes Cemetery: Approximately 30 burial spaces remaining at present.**

3. *What proportion of this is through existing burials and advance plot purchases?*

Seaford – Unknown. Lewes – this figure (30) relates to new burials only, and does not include pre purchased graves.

4. *How many are full/ at capacity? None*

5. *How many burials were undertaken in the following years: 2017, 2016, 2007, 2006, 1997, 1996, 1987, 1986, 1977, 1976.*

**2017 – Lewes 17 Seaford 27
2016 – Lewes 32 Seaford 31
Other years not available**

6. *What was the charge/cost to people for burials in each of these years?*

Please refer to the council's website for 2017 costs for burials. For the 2016 figures, costs should be reduced by 3%

7. *How many cremations for the same years as above?*

LDC does not have a crematorium

8. *What was the charge/cost to people for cremations in each of these years? As question 7*

9. *How many years of capacity for burial do you anticipate you have remaining?*

Within the District, there is capacity for approximately 15 – 20 years.

10. *How many people did not get their first choice of cemetery for burial?*

None

11. *Did the council have to refuse requests for burials? If so, how many?*

None

12. *What is the furthest distance of burial plots from any of the parish church? This information is not held*

13. *Are you actively looking to source new burial plots? If so, what measures have been taken, at what cost and what have been the results? Not actively searching at present*

14. *Have you opened any new cemeteries in the last 30 years? Please provide details of names and number of plots.*

Yes – Seaford (Eastern Section) number unknown as not all plots have been marked out yet, but approximately 15 – 20 years for burials.

15. *What alternatives, if any, do you offer for the disposal of human remains? For example, woodland burials, alkaline hydrolysis (dissolving) etc.*

None, but private green burial cemeteries are available