



Closed Churchyard Consultation

Ryedale District Council is consulting all Parish Councils on the options available to parishes and the Council in relation to the arrangements for the maintenance of closed churchyards, and particularly the future arrangements for financing any related works.

The Council is also undertaking an audit of the churchyards in Ryedale to ensure that any decision made on this matter is supported by the right information.

A report detailing the issues and options as discussed by the Council in December is available on the Council website at the following address:

<http://democracy.ryedale.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=8240>

This consultation will be an item for discussion at the next Parish Liaison meeting to be held on 1 June 2012 at Ryedale House, Malton. Officers will be available to answer any queries.

The consultation will close on **31 July 2012**. Please return your completed survey to:

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Ryedale House
Old Malton Road
Malton
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For further information please contact Faye Snowden, Business Improvement Officer on 01653 600666 ext 222 or email faye.snowden@ryedale.gov.uk

Q1 Your parish:

Q2 Main contact for future correspondence:

Q3 Is there a churchyard in your parish? (if no, please tick and return your form for audit purposes)

No Yes, just one Yes, more than one

If more than one, how many?

Q4 Please could you provide the name and location with a grid reference, map or address: (please copy and return a separate form for each churchyard)

Q5 Is the parish churchyard open or closed?

Open Closed

Q6 If the parish churchyard is open, who is currently responsible for it's maintenance?

Q7 If the parish churchyard is closed, who is currently responsible for it's maintenance?

The Parish Currently, an application has been made for
Ryedale District Council..... it's closure.....

Q8 If the churchyard is closed and the parish is currently responsible, do you anticipate applying to Ryedale District Council for transfer?

Yes..... No

Q9 If the parish churchyard is open, do you anticipate an application being made for closure within the next..

1 year..... 5 years 10 years

If the parish churchyard was to close, please indicate what your preferred option would be for taking responsibility for it's maintenance? *Please tick only one option from those detailed below*

Q10 Option 1: The Parish Council retains responsibility for maintenance and levies a pre-cept to cover any expenses.

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Q11 Option 2: The parish transfers responsibility to Ryedale District Council and the District Council levies a special expense on the parish in which the closed churchyard is located, to cover future annual maintenance and major repairs.

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Q12 If the District Council decides to levy a special expense, in those parishes with closed churchyards for which it has responsibility, should there be a maximum annual charge applicable, per household, in that parish?

Yes..... No

Q13 If you ticked 'yes' to Q12, please indicate the maximum level *per household in £'s:
(*per household means a band D property)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this consultation document