

The churchyard around St Nicolas' Church is private property which belongs to the parish church. People are welcome to visit the churchyard and enjoy its quiet and peaceful atmosphere. We ask all visitors to respect the area.

## Visiting a grave or ashes Plot

If you are visiting a loved one's grave or plot, please be aware they are subject to national regulations regarding what can be placed on or around a grave or plaque. **These regulations are enforceable by law and prohibited items have to be removed.** Details of the churchyard regulations can be found by clicking <u>this link</u>.

If you have a query regarding what can be placed on a grave or plot, you may also contact the solicitors who deal with the regulations: Shakespeare Martineau LLP / Registrars Office 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6AA, telephone 0121 214 0000.

To assist you in knowing what is allowed, here are two example photographs of how graves and plots should look when they comply with the regulations.

If your grave or plot **does not** look like these they are usually in breach of the regulations.





**Commonwealth War Graves:** St Nicolas' Churchyard has 18 known Commonwealth War Graves and they are marked with metal poppies.

**Colour Guide to the Churchyard:** A locally-produced booklet about the churchyard is available from the parish church or church office, priced £5.