Glamorgan Archives

~MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES~

A Series of burial acts, commencing with an act of 1853 (16 and 17 Vict. c.134), authorised the provision of burial grounds by local authorities. These 'municipal cemeteries' were additional to the graveyards attached to the parish churches and nonconformist chapels, many of which, particularly in populous towns, had become full by the mid-nineteenth century.

Most of the municipal cemeteries in the former counties of Mid and South Glamorgan are now administered by the new Unitary Authorities, but a small number are administered by community or town councils. **Records for cemeteries, including burial registers, are held by the relevant local authority.** The list which follows gives the names and dates of opening (where known) of all the cemeteries in each authority, together with the contact names and addresses; requests for searches of the burial registers should be sent to these addresses. Unless otherwise noted below, **the Glamorgan Archives does not hold records for these cemeteries.**

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bridgend County Borough Council is responsible for the following cemeteries:

> **Bridgend Cemetery (1894)**
> **Cornelly Cemetery (1928)**
> **Coychurch Crematorium (1970)**
> **Glynogwr Cemetery (1888)**
> **Laleston Cemetery (1980)**
> **Maesteg Cemetery (1883)**
> **Nantymoel, Blaenogwr Cemetery (1903)**
> **Ogmore Vale, Pwll-y-pant Cemetery (1886)**
> **Pencoed Cemetery (1953)**
> **Pontycymer, Gelliron Cemetery (1888)**
> **Porthcawl Cemetery (1936)**
> **Sarn Cemetery (1936)**

For information on these cemeteries, and to request searches of the registers, contact:

> The Burials Officer
> Directorate or Environmental and Planning Services
> Bridgend County Borough Council
> Civic Offices, Angel Street
> BRIDGEND
> CF31 4WB   Tel. 01656 643422
>
> Email: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk

If the search is resolved quickly (5-10 minutes) there is no charge, however, a charge of £26.50 is made for extensive searches carried out by staff.

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Caerphilly County Borough Council is responsible for the following cemeteries:

Abercarn Cemetery (1901)
Bargoed, Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery (1917)
Bedwas Cemetery (1960)
Caerphilly, Penyrheol Cemetery (1909)
Gelligaer Cemetery (1935)
Llanfabon Cemetery (1969)
Risca, Old Cemetery (1888)
Risca, Danygraig Cemetery (1931)
Rhymney Cemetery (1894)

For information on these cemeteries, and to request searches of the registers, contact:

The Licensing Registration Officer
Council Offices
Pontllanfraith
BLACKWOOD
NP2 2YW   Tel. 01495 235189 or 235225

Email: publicservices@caerphilly.gov.uk

A charge of £28.00 is made for searches carried out in the registers by staff

CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF

Cardiff County Council is responsible for the following cemeteries:

Cathays Cemetery (1859)
Llandaff Cemetery (1922)
Llanishen Cemetery (1926)
Pantmawr Cemetery (1931)
Radyr Cemetery (former churchyard)
Thornhill Cemetery (1952)
Western Cemetery (1937)

For information on these cemeteries and to request searches of the registers, contact:
The Bereavement Services Manager
Cardiff Bereavement Services
Thornhill Road
Llanishen
CARDIFF CF14 9UA   Tel. 029 2062 3294

The Bereavement Service will carry out a manual search of their registers for a fee of £18. Records requiring a manual search are burials between 1859 and 1912 and cremations between 1980 and 1990. All other records are now on a computer database and there is no charge for a search of these. Members of the public may search the registers in person, however, there is a charge of £18 per hour or part hour. **strictly by appointment only.** Once a burial entry has been found in the registers, the exact location of the grave can be supplied; for help in finding a grave in Cathays Cemetery (tel: 029 2062 3294) to find out when a member of the Bereavement Services staff will be available at the cemetery.

Email: ThornhillReception@Cardiff.gov.uk

The Glamorgan Archives holds a duplicate set of burial registers for Cathays Cemetery only, covering the years 1859-1951; these may be consulted in the Document searchroom.

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council is responsible for the following cemeteries:

Aberfan Cemetery (1876)
Aberfan Cemetery, Bryntaff section (1915)
Cefn Coed Cemetery (1859)
Cefn Coed Cemetery , Ffrwd Section (1905)
Cefn Coed Cemetery, Pontycapel Section (1982)
Cefn Coed Cemetery, Capel Fach Section (1996)
Dowlais, Pant Cemetery (1860)
Graigfargoed Cemetery (Trelewis/Bedlinog) (1924)
Treharris, Beechgrove Cemetery (1888)

For information on these cemeteries, and to request searches of the registers, contact:

Bereavement Services Team
Civic Centre
MERTHYR TYDFIL
CF47 8AN   Tel. 01685 725146

A charge of £40 is made for searches carried out in the registers by staff. Members of the public may search the registers in person free of charge by prior arrangement.

Email: bereavementservices@merthyr.gov.uk

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC is responsible for fourteen cemeteries; contact addresses for different cemeteries are as follows:

Glyntaff Crematorium and Cemetery (1871)
Llanharan Cemetery (1921)
Llantrisant, Cefn y Parc Cemetery
Taffs Well, Ty Rhiw Cemetery (1909)

For information on these cemeteries and to request searches of the registers, contact:

        Superintendent and Registrar
        Crematorium and Cemeteries Section
        Cemetery Road
        Glyntaff
        PONTYPRIDD
        CF37 4BE   Tel. 01443 402810

Abercynon Cemetery (1901)
Aberdare Cemetery (1860)
Hirwaun, Brynygaer Cemetery (1914)
Mountain Ash, Aberffrwd Cemetery (1866)
Mountain Ash, Maesyrarian Cemetery (1908)
Ynysybwl Cemetery

For information on these cemeteries and to request searches of the registers, contact:

        Burial Clerk, Cemeteries Section
        Rock Grounds
        Green Street
        ABERDARE
        CF44 7AE   Tel. 01685 885345

Ferndale Cemetery (1880)
Penrhys Cemetery (1927)*
Trealaw Cemetery (1882)
Treorchy Cemetery (1874)

For information on these cemeteries, and to request searches of the registers, contact:

        Cemetery Offices
        Brithweunydd Road
        Trealaw
        CF40 2UQ

        Tel No: 01443 682829

Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail

For information on this cemetery, and to request searches of the registers, contact:

        The Clerk to Tonyrefail Community Council
        Community Council Offices
        Cemetery Lodge
        Gilfach Road
        TONYREFAIL   Tel. 01443 673991

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council <u>does not</u> have responsibility for any cemeteries.

Barry Town Council is responsible for the following cemeteries:
    Barry, Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery (1889)
    Porthkerry Cemetery

Barry Town Council will carry out searches free of charge as long as people are willing to wait for the results. Otherwise, there is a charge of £30.00 for an immediate response.
For information on these cemeteries, and to request searches of the registers, contact:

        The Cemeteries Officer
        Barry Town Council
        7 Gladstone Road
        BARRY
        CF62 8NA   Tel. 01446 738663

Penarth Town Council is responsible for the following cemetery:

    Penarth Cemetery (1905)

For information on this cemetery, and to request searches of the register, contact:

        The Town Clerk
        Penarth Town Council
        West House
        Stanwell Road
        PENARTH
        CF64 2YG   Tel. 029 2070 0721

A charge of £15.50 is made for searches carried out in the registers by staff. (+£12.50 for certified extract if needed).

Cowbridge Town Council is responsible for the following cemetery:

    The Limes Cemetery, Cowbridge (1925)

For information on this cemetery, and to request searches of the register, contact:

        The Town Clerk
        Cowbridge Town Council
        Town Hall
        COWBRIDGE
        CF71 7AD   Tel. 01446 773385

                Email: enquiries@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk

A charge of £25.00 is made for searches carried out in the registers by staff covering one year, £40 for two years or more.

Llantwit Major Town Council is responsible for the following cemetery:
Llantwit Major Cemetery (1929)

For information on this cemetery, and to request searches of the register, contact:

Llantwit Major Town Council Office
Town Hall
LLANTWIT MAJOR
CF61 1SD   Tel. 01446 793707

Email: info@llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk