

Fox Covert Cemetery Map

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| 1 Panorama | 2 Birdcage Benches |
| 3 Cremated Remains | 4 Moslem |
| 5 Rosebud Baby Garden | 6 Wildlife |
| 7 Green Flag | i Information Point |



1 Fox Covert Lawn Cemetery really does offer the visitor one of the most spectacular panoramas of any cemetery in the British Isles. The industrial heartland of Warrington sprawls out in the foreground but on clear days one can see much, much further. Some 60 metres down the main drive in the cemetery is a Viewing Platform depicting many famous landmarks visible from Fox Covert, such as Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and Winter Hill transmitter near Rivington. Closer to the cemetery the Parish Church of St. Elphins' enormous spire is easily visible.

2 The two semi-circular green 'caged' benches either side of the main drive downwards into Fox Covert were constructed after the devastating bomb blasts in Warrington. Floral tributes collected at that harrowing time are buried under the benches. They serve as a poignant tribute to the lives lost and a beautiful spot to rest and take in the clean air and scenery. Other wooden benches have also been strategically placed around the cemetery for 'a lovely quiet place of contemplation'.

3 2001 marked the opening of the cremated remains section (plot K) of Fox Covert Cemetery. As around 80% of all funerals services end in cremation then naturally the cremated remains section is a popular one. Again the landscape on view makes Fox Covert a favourite spot for the laying to rest of a loved one.

4 Since Fox Covert Lawn Cemetery opened in late 1961 Warrington has increasingly become a more diverse town both culturally and religiously. Some of Warrington's ethnic inhabitants like Hindus and Seikhs prefer cremation. However the Moslem Faith bury their loved ones. In 1986 Warrington Borough Council opened the Moslem Section of Fox Covert facing Mecca. The headstones are beautifully arranged in a stunningly scenic location.

5 The rosebud baby garden in Fox Covert Cemetery is a special place for families to remember their lost child. The garden contains a bronze statue of a baby on a granite column (as does it's sister garden in Warrington Cemetery) to signify a life begun but not yet completed. In addition the rosebud baby garden houses a beautiful gazebo, a quiet secluded shelter on a rainy day or just a place to sit and reflect. The garden is very popular yet naturally emotionally charged.

6 One of the really amazing things to behold at Fox Covert is the wildlife on show. Rabbits, Foxes and Badgers are regularly seen within the cemetery. Whilst Buzzards, Kestrels and Sparrowhawks as well as the occasional Owl look down on their prey from above. In the hedges Robins and other small birds make forays out to feed on berries and scraps.

7 Fox Covert has been accredited with the nationally recognised Green flag award for a number of years. The award reflects the hard work and dedication of staff and other stakeholders in continuing to strive to improve both the look of the cemetery and the service provided. To this end Warrington Borough Councils Bereavement Services section has an excellent working relationship with the adjoining Hill Cliffe Baptist Church and The Reverend Bill Eugster in particular. Rev Bill attends our bi-annual Liaison group meetings open to a variety of stakeholders including Clergy members, Funeral directors and stonemasons. Rev Bill offers feedback from the public and is kept abreast of current and future developments within the service.

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The first burial to take place in Fox covert lawn cemetery was on the 6th October 1961. Initially opened via the joint burial committee of Warrington, Stockton Heath and Walton, the cemetery provided a municipal burial area on the Cheshire side of town. Warrington Cemetery on the other side of town was (and according to the duchy of Lancaster still is), in Lancashire!

Fox Covert Cemetery however very quickly became immensely popular with residents from all over Warrington for its crisp alpine air and stunning panoramic views, along with the tidy uniform rows of headstones kept to a maximum height of 3' 6". Carved from the last Ice age the sandstone hill which fox covert sits on can be seen from miles around.



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