



Ulverston Town Council

Bench Policy

Ulverston Town Council manages 46+ benches in a variety of styles on Hoad Hill and Little Hoad and benches on Gill Banks together with 50 metal squirrel benches within its curtilage in the town centre and in outlying areas. The metal squirrel benches were originally donated by GlaxoSmithKline. The Town Council also has a responsibility to maintain Hoad Hill and Gill Banks benches through a leasehold agreement with the Town Lands trust.

Many of the benches are existing memorials to relatives and friends. The Town Council is approached from time to time to position more benches in the areas outlined above or to incorporate a memorial plaque on an existing bench

While the Town Council understands the need to have memorial benches, it can no longer sanction any additional benches in any of the areas highlighted above. The Council propose the follows:

- No new benches may be installed unless an existing bench is removed.
- All costs relating to placing a new bench, including removal, purchase and installation must be paid for by the proposer.
- In the case of existing benches, brass plaques (one per bench) can be fitted to a bench at a cost of £100.00 (including fitting) The wording should be supplied to the Town Council in writing along with payment.
- The Town Council will procure the plaque and arrange for it to be fitted.
- **Please provide a detailed note of where the bench is and a photograph and What3words location if possible.**

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