

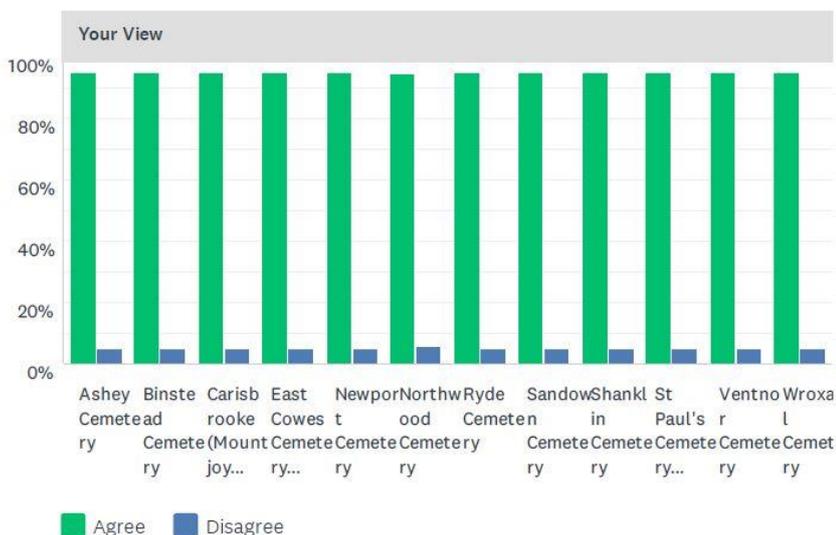
Cemeteries – Dogs on Leads

Due to the nature of these locations a NEW proposal is for dogs to remain on leads at all times while visiting local authority Island cemeteries.

Maps relating to each location and the areas included in this proposal can be viewed on our [website](#)

Q4 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with this proposal for each location.

Answered: 821 Skipped: 306



Your View	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
Ashey Cemetery	95.17% 749	4.83% 38	787
Binstead Cemetery	95.14% 744	4.86% 38	782
Carisbrooke (Mountjoy) Cemetery	94.77% 743	5.23% 41	784
East Cowes Cemetery including the Extension	94.76% 742	5.24% 41	783
Newport Cemetery	94.92% 747	5.08% 40	787
Northwood Cemetery	94.64% 741	5.36% 42	783
Ryde Cemetery	94.84% 753	5.16% 41	794
Sandown Cemetery	95.02% 744	4.98% 39	783
Shanklin Cemetery	94.85% 736	5.15% 40	776
St Paul's Cemetery (Newport)	95.13% 742	4.87% 38	780
Ventnor Cemetery	94.90% 744	5.10% 40	784
Wroxall Cemetery	94.83% 733	5.17% 40	773

Comments Received

Comments (75) [to view click on arrow]

1. I believe that yes they should be on leads in cemeteries that's just down to respect.
2. I disagree with Shanklin as currently they have a big field which is used respectfully by walkers as a space to play fetch etc with their dogs
3. Objects as previous.
4. I do not believe there is any requirement to restrict dogs access to these areas. Dog owners encourage people young and old to get out walking which is positive. If you remove the dog options for dog walking then owners will be forced to drive to alternative locations to exercise their dogs which goes against all green aspirations and the fact that this time last year a green emergency was announced.
5. I agree
6. Dogs on leads in these areas
7. I am a dog owner. And would never dream of letting them off in a cemetery. Think it is disrespectful to the dead to allow dog to run all over graves
8. Dogs off lead are not causing a problem in cemeteries. Existing laws can be used if there seems to be a problem. There are not enough areas to walk dogs off lead and so cemeteries are vital.
9. Surprised this is even needed. Why would anyone allow their dog off the lead in a cemetery?
10. Dogs should be on a lead in ALL public places. There are too many incidents of dog on dog and dog on human incidents. If the dogs remain on leads the incidences of such assaults would be reduced if not eradicated. Dog owners seem to think everyone should like their dog and be happy to be approached by it/jumped up on etc. At the very least this can be frightening for a lot of people.
11. I don't see a problem with dogs being in cemeteries. Admittedly they should be kept on leads as a sign of respect.
12. Owners of Dogs causing nuisance should be directed to put dog on lead.

13. AGREE BUT NEED TO BAN ALL DANGEROUS DOG BREEDS FROM CEMETARIES. SEVERAL PITBULL TYPE DOGS IN EAST COWES WHICH HAVE ATTACKED OR BEEN MISUSED BY OWNERS IN CEMETARIES.
14. I agree all locations
15. what is the proposal, Dogs have NO reason to be taken into a Cemetery it shows the contempt Dog owners have for the dead, I have seen the little presents they leave and even if they pick it up it is grossly disrespectful of the dead.
16. So long as there are places where dogs can run and play (properly supervised) such as parks and beaches, then I can agree that cemeteries should be protected as places of quiet reflection and respect.
17. dogs should always be allowed in cemeteries, but on leads at all times
18. All
19. I don't believe dogs should be allowed in cemetery's, it should be a place to pay your respects to your loved ones without dogs barking and fouling.
20. All of them. Responsible dog owners already keep their dogs under control in sensitive places such as cemeteries. Those who do not, will also not adhere or show any more respect, even if there are laws in place. Just as with dog fouling, responsible people. pick up, ignorant people leave despite there being fines in place.
21. Ventnor is the only one I know, so I have left the rest blank. Ventnor cemetery is an enclosed open space and, given that most of the graves are historical, it is usually pretty empty, apart from occasional groups of young people hanging around. I dont see any downside in allowing dogs to run free here (the minority of irresponsible dog owners are no more likely to collect their poop when the dog is on a lead), and making this space attractive for dog walking helps keep it safe for everyone, particularly during the darker months of the year. Upper Ventnor isnt within easy walking distance of Ventnor's park or beach, and the cemetery provides this relatively deprived local community with a valuable amenity for dog walking.
22. Whilst this isn't as discriminatory as the exclusions referred to in the previous question, I still feel it is draconian and penalises the majority of dog owners because of a few isolated incidents of irresponsible behaviour. Dog owners need open spaces to exercise their dogs as per the terms of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and many who are without easy access to transport rely on cemeteries for this purpose. They tend to have very few visitors unless there are funerals taking place, so the impact of dogs not being on leads is minimal.
23. I welcome the change from the previous consultation which hinted at a complete ban of dogs in cemeteries. Allowing dogs in these places (albeit on leads) needs to remain a key part of the review as this is a hugely important part of the grieving process for a number of people especially the elderly who consider their pets part of the family and provide them with emotional support.
24. I disagree with banning dogs from cemeteries but do feel all dogs should be on leads in cemeteries. Our pets can be our comfort and support especially when recently bereaved
25. I am a Dog owner and would not let my dog off the lead or walk join cemetery anyway
26. Wootton Cemetery should be included
27. I'd also recommend that notices to this effect are positioned at all entrances to the cemeteries and possibly 'dog poo' bins.
28. Why are dogs being walked through cemeteries anyway
29. On leads is OK, a total ban is not.
30. What exact problem is this addressing. You haven't been clear at all. This is restrictive for elderly dog owners most likely to be visiting cemeterys. Would prefer there was a code of conduct for behaviour .
31. I don't think many dogs can dig a six foot hole
32. No to all locations
33. I disagree because i feel this should be applied to all cemeterys on the island.
34. Some of these cemeteries are adjacent to dog walking routes and gates need to be fitted to prevent access from public footpaths where they can be off the lead.

35. Why should they be allowed to go into cemeteries and foul the land around graves?
36. I think people would respectfully walk their dogs in leads and pick up the poo.
37. I have several relatives buried in Ryde Cemetery and I object strongly to people taking their dogs in to go to the toilet. Some of them have their dogs on running leads and allow them on the grass to do their business. I don't think dogs should be allowed in cemeteries at all. I know most owners are responsible but unfortunately not all.
38. I feel the current proposal should just be enforced. No point in wasting time with new proposals when you don't even act on the current ones
39. All
40. Cemeteries are not dog walking places, but perhaps for those visiting graves with the deceased person's dog, more thought should be applied
41. Better still ban them from all cemeteries - who wants to see dogs peeing over a gravestone or grave - the dog owner won't stop them because their precious dogs can't do anything wrong!
42. Dogs should be on lead in cemeteries to show respect as dogs do not understand what they are walking on.
43. Dogs should be allowed off the lead, in an enclosed space, if the owner has them trained and under control.
44. All, if a family wishes to visit a loved ones graveside and they had a family dog then it would be nice to take the pet with them.
45. Most people are respectful and do keep their dogs on a lead in Ventnor Cemetery. However there is no dog warden service in Ventnor as the Town Council refused to pay for the extras of this service which would be wardens patrolling the areas. I strongly believe that dogs and cats, yes even my cat visits the cemetery twice a year on a lead should be allowed to visit a relatives grave. I choose Ventnor Cemetery because the church adjacent to the church yard did not allow dogs, I respected this and choose a place of rest that does allow pets on leads to visit.
46. I don't know what "extention" means
47. EXCELLENT IMPROVEMENT. ENCOURAGE PUBLIC COOPERATION IN ENFORCEMENT BY USING CAMERAS TO REPORT OFFENDERS.
48. Dogs should be allowed to accompany people visiting graves.
49. Why would you want to take your dog to a cemetery ?, is it because it's a quiet location with lots of grass not many people about,so Fido can do his business in peace and the owner can get away with pretending to not see his or her pet fouling.
50. I am a responsible dog owner who picks up any dog poo mine leave. People that are not responsible need to be punished not all of us who pick up their poo.
51. This needs to be enforced though, people keep dogs on leads and pick up after them if they think they are being seen. Many people don't bother if they think they can get away with it.
52. But no-one ever deals with these issues so why waste time and money. The cemeteries mentioned are unlikely to be under your desks are they so who do you think will actually do anything in the real world??
53. Northwood cemetery is one of very few green spaces which the council has not permitted to be built up in Cowes. People have dogs. The cemetery is not an inappropriate place for dogs to be off the lead providing mess is picked up
54. personally do not feel it an appropriate place to "let the dog have a run" in cemeteries. I have seen dog owners in Cemetery (Ryde) with extending leads allowing dogs to wander and have had a couple of near misses when the dogs have run in front of me. Also people on mobility scooters taking dogs in cemeteries . How can they clear the mess if the dog decides they "need to go" !! I am not anti-dogs but a responsible dog owner but think this situation needs changing.

55. I feel the peace at Mount joy and I love to walk my dog there. He does not walk well on the lead and I will struggle to feel the peace I get from the cemetery. I lost mum dad and mother in law recently and I feel comfort to walk freely there. I am very respectful of graves and we stay on the path
56. Owners might like to take dog to visit grave of owner
57. This should apply to all cemeteries.
58. I believe dogs that owners clear up after are no problems wild animals walk over graves etc. I would like to think people walk in these areas
59. I disagree with this proposal. As long there is a dog foul order in place, dog warden enforcement and sufficient dog foul waste bins in place.
60. Agree
61. Who is going to enforce these laws
62. All dogs should be kept on a lead.
63. I am a responsible dog owner and I know when to keep my dog on or off the lead
64. I think well behaved dogs under control (even off lead) should be able to go in to cemeteries with their owners. If owners are grieving then having a dog with them may help.
65. Used everyday by many older people with dogs as it's the easiest of walks compared to the downs and lanes. This also means some dogs to have some off lead time in there so that owners can exercise them in the top part of the cemetery
66. Being able to visit and grieve at the graveside, alongside a mutually loved dog, is an important part of the bereavement process.
67. Glad dogs are still allowed to use these areas, but happy that under control on lead will hopefully promote respect for other users and increase responsibility
68. What about areas in churchyards as I've seen dogs off leads running amongst the graves in St Mary's church cemetery
69. I don't generally walk my dog in a cemetery but I think they should be kept on a lead in a cemetery.
70. Well behaved dogs with responsible owners can control their dogs in cemeteries
71. If a dog is well behaved enough to be off the lead in a public space then it's no different in a cemetery.
72. Although I agree with the proposal I think dogs should be excluded from all sites.
73. PSPOs should relate to "anti social behaviour" that is evidenced and there is no context as to why this ban should occur - is there an issue and is it across all cemeteries and what is the problem that we are wanting to solve - without the rationale for the PSPO, which should be provided it is not possible to agree with the proposals.
74. This whole exercise is badly thought out
75. I agree that dogs should be kept on a lead in ALL Cemetery's.