



**Cemetery
Development
Services**

**Cemetery Flooding? Groundwater in Graves?
Saturated Ground? Distressed Relatives & Visitors?**

Are you compliant with EA GP3 Cemetery Guidelines?



Cemetery Development Services Ltd (CDSL) the UK's most experienced cemetery development and design company are helping many authorities manage the problems caused by high water tables and flooding to help them in developing management and mitigation strategies to protect ground and surface waters.

Water in cemeteries is not just a management and public relations issue but a legal obligation to protect the environment.

In the past 12 months the Environment Agency requested the closure of 3 cemeteries in the UK. The two burial grounds in Shropshire and one in Bedfordshire failed to satisfy the Environment Agency that the groundwater was adequately protected. All three cemeteries were operational and had been built within the last 15 years. In all cases ground water was found to be entering the graves at time of burial excavation, if the operators are unable to show a satisfactory mitigation regime to protect ground and surface waters, the cemeteries will have to close.

These examples demonstrate that any cemetery in breach of the 6 principle guidelines set out below and is considered a threat to water stocks has the potential to face closure under the powers of the Water Resources Act -S161A and as laid out in GP3 P-12.

- No water should be present in base of grave when dug and at least 1 m of dry soil between base of grave and highest point of the water table
- No burials to be within 10 meters of land drain
- No burials within 30 meters of water course or spring
- No burials within SPZ1
- No burials within 250 meters of potable water supply (well)
- Cemeteries should not be built in or on areas liable or prone to flooding



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A study by CDSL in 2007 showed that 40% of 45 Local Authorities interviewed suffered from ground or surface water problems!

CDSL were called in to manage the water problems below ▼



BEFORE ▲

AFTER ▲

Where cemetery water problems occur CDSL engineers have been working with the EA and many Local Authorities to design bespoke mitigation solutions, these solutions range from surface water catchment systems, deep drain dewatering, re developing the land profile to the introduction of burial chambers and mausoleum.

CDSL engineers are leaders in cemetery development and design and have many years of experience specialising in bespoke cemetery drainage and water stress management systems.

CDSL are also the UK's leading company specialising in cemetery ground water Environmental Audits required for any new development or extension.

If you are pumping water from graves or suffer from flooding please call CDSL on 01234 740845 or email us at info@cem-dev.co.uk and we will look to ensure you achieve compliance for the future to protect ground and surface waters.

CDSL Engineers are here to help

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