

Stratton Parish Council

Wreath Holder Policy

The wreath holder, situated outside Stratton parish church and beside the war memorial, is the property and under the management of Stratton Parish Council. The following is the policy for the correct and proper use of it.

There is no requirement for the Parish Council to give permission for any wreaths/articles to be placed on the wreath holder, but any items placed there will be under the scrutiny of the Parish Council and any unacceptable or inappropriate articles will be removed.

To ensure the proper respect and integrity of the wreath holder, wreaths and any other articles placed on it will be allowed to remain there for a specified period of time only and then removed. This applies equally to any wreath/articles which are in memory to those departed or to commemorate a specific event. It is not felt appropriate that a wreath/article is placed and then left indefinitely. The cenotaph is there to represent the perpetual memory of all.

After consultation with local interested bodies it has been decided that the maximum period for any wreath/article will be two months from the date of placement. If any person feels that a specific wreath/article should remain for longer than that period they may contact the Parish Clerk and give details of why and for what extra length of time they wish the wreath/article to remain. A decision will then be taken by the Parish Council.

Any wreath/article reaching the maximum period will not be immediately disposed of but returned to the originator, if known, or, placed in Stratton Church as permission has been given by Stratton Parochial Church Council. If the originator is unknown or permission revoked for some reason by the Parochial Church Council then the wreath/article will be removed and disposed of.

It should be noted that, nationally, cities and town councils only permit wreaths/articles to remain on display for one or two months. Consequently, the period being specified by the Parish Council is a generous length of time for commemoration of those for whom the wreath/article has been placed.