

Floral Tribute Policy

The practice of laying floral tributes at the site of a fatal accident has, in recent years, become more common and to many families involved it is an important part of the grieving process and provides a poignant reminder of the loss of a loved one. However tributes are becoming more elaborate and can include such items as crosses, candles, bunting, toys, scarves, pictures, and photographs. Whilst these tributes could be seen as a reminder to some road users of the need to drive with greater care and tolerance, others could also see them as a distraction and for local people an unwanted reminder of a tragedy. This policy seeks to find a balance between these conflicting views.

It would be insensitive to predetermine when grieving should end, however floral tributes do have a shelf-life and it is thought to be more respectful to remove withered tributes.

Policy:

Temporary floral tributes will be allowed to remain in place for a period of 14-30 days following the incident, where there is no significant risk of driver distraction or undue risk to an individual visiting the location. They should also be placed clear of locations where maintenance (e.g. grass cutting) will be undertaken. If these are considered to have an adverse impact on safety they will be removed immediately, the bereaved will be given the opportunity to receive the tributes. Anniversary floral tributes will be allowed to remain in place for up to 14 days.

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