

Beech Wood Green Burial

".....At one with nature"



Natural burial is a gentle and environmentally friendly option at the end of life. Those of us who are concerned that our final resting place should have as little impact on the environment as possible and who wish to leave behind a protected corner of England find this a positive and comforting choice.

The five acres of the Beech Wood Green Burial site is planted with over 4000 native deciduous trees and landscaped with wildflower glades situated off an all-weather perimeter path, allowing full access for all. Graves are marked with an engraved Lakeland slate tablet laid into the ground in a wildflower glade. They become part of a living, breathing, legacy, woodland to be enjoyed not only by visitors in the future but by the local wildlife.

This land is managed by The Boston Woods Trust along with our other woods around Boston.

Funerals

We welcome people of all, or no, faiths and beliefs. There are no fixed rules or format to be followed. Some families choose to hold a ceremony at the graveside. Others arrive for the burial after attending a service in church or at another venue. Sometimes there is no ceremony at all and the coffin is simply brought to the burial ground and interred. Or families may have a small private interment followed by a memorial service another day. You should organise whatever is right for you or satisfies the wishes of the deceased. There is no set or correct procedure to follow or order in which things should be done.

Most families engage a funeral director to assist them when faced with organising a funeral but if you wish to organise the funeral yourselves please liaise with us in order that we can advise and ensure things run smoothly. There are no time limits for services here, we do not want you to feel rushed or hurried.

We have no ceremonial building or facilities on site.

Conditions regarding Funerals.

Bodies should not be embalmed, i.e. must be free of litres of toxic chemicals; sometimes called hygienic treatment. Good funeral directors will have refrigerated facilities and this process is not necessary or required by law even if you wish to visit or view the deceased.

As a natural burial ground we only allow bio-degradable, non-toxic coffins, shrouds and ashes caskets/urns. Traditional, solid wooden coffins (not chipboard) are acceptable, as long as they are made with wood taken from managed, accredited British forests. We do not permit non-degradable linings or plastic. So all handles, linings and pillows should be made from and stuffed with natural fibres. People can be buried with possessions; letters, jewellery, food and drink, etc. but these must be made from natural materials.

Management of the Burial Ground.

This burial ground is managed by The Boston Woods Trust. The following regulations are made to enable the trust to shape and preserve a natural area for the benefit of nature and for future generation of visitors. They are essential to combine a proper respect for the dead with a suitable management and planting programme in order to create an area that is peaceful, pleasant and ecologically rich. A fitting memorial to those buried here.

Nothing is to be planted in the burial ground unless specifically approved by the Trust. The wildflower glades will normally be mown annually by the Trust

The burial ground is being developed to encourage a natural landscape therefore the erection of any additional monuments, crosses, kerbs, fence or railing will not be permitted. A small slate name marker is included with each plot.

Only loose cut flowers should be placed on the graves, at the time of burial. No plastic packaging should be left and bunches of flowers may not be tied to trees or guards. Nor can any decorative items be hung from trees. Burial plots will be used sequentially except in the case of a plot reserved for a family member.

The Trust has various options for memorial seats and trees; please enquire.

Planning Ahead

As we get older many of us wish to get our affairs in order. Writing a will and a set of advance decision documents, or a living will, is a good start.

Purchasing a plot in advance gets a big chunk of the eventual funeral costs out of the way and secures your plot at today's price. If you wish to purchase the right to be buried at Beech Wood Green Burial please contact us. It may seem like a strange thing to do but many people find it comforting to know where they will be laid to rest. Knowing that they will be part of growing woodland is a positive contribution. Furthermore, it also sends a clear message to your family that this is where you want to be.

The purchase of a burial plot is for the right of burial in the plot only and does not confer ownership of the ground or any other rights. If you purchase a plot in advance you will be given a Right of Burial Certificate. Plots are used sequentially except in the case of a plot reserved for a family member. A plan of the cemetery, showing the position of the glades and graves is open for inspection and may be viewed upon request.

If you purchase a 'Right of Burial' on this site you have secured it whether you occupy it immediately or in 10, 20 or 60 years' time. The grave preparation and administration fees will of course rise over time and are payable when a burial takes place. However, if your plot is not occupied within 30 years from purchase we require that you contact us and re-sign, at no extra cost, to confirm that you still wish to retain your reservation. Of course if you move home you also need to notify us.

We appreciate that sometimes situations change. If you move far away or emigrate we will refund the original purchase price minus an administration charge, currently £100. If you change your mind, there is a 28 day cooling off period.

No remains shall be removed from any grave in the burial ground, once interred, without a licence from the Secretary of State under section 25 of the burial act 1857.

Updates applied to these regulations.

We reserve the right to amend, add, remove or change the content of these regulations over time, as circumstances dictate.

For any enquiries please contact your funeral director or Frances at Boston Woods Trust on 01205 723040 or 07845 481621 or email: info@bostonwoods.co.uk.

If we are unavailable please do leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Forms should be returned to your funeral director or:

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