



# Bath

Natural Burial Meadow

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## An idyllic meadow

Bath Natural Burial Meadow sits in the heart of the countryside, just four miles from the city of Bath and is part of the Cotswold Area of Natural Beauty. Jock Cross (1918-2002) loved this land in the beautiful Midford valley. It was owned by his aunt, Ivy Cross. From the age of 14 and for the rest of his working life, Jock farmed this land. He and his wife Janet, a nurse, raised their four daughters on the farm.

Today Janet and several members of the family still live here and continue to care for the land. The Bath Natural Burial Meadow supports the upkeep of the remaining 50 acres of farmland which is rich in a wonderful diversity of wild plants, animals, and birds.

The Bath Natural Burial Meadow celebrates Janet's vision of a sustainable alternative to cemeteries. It's where burials return goodness to the earth, sheep graze the field keeping it rich in wildflowers and we have an opportunity to minimise our impact on the environment at the end of our lives.



# How it works

A natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. At Bath Natural Burial Meadow, you can purchase rights for burial or ashes interment...

## In advance

- Visit the burial meadow and spend time there getting to know it and deciding whether it's right for you.
- Apply online or download an application form from our website, or phone us and we'll send you an information pack.
- Pre-purchase at today's rate. Options available to pay by standing order.

## When planning a funeral

- Complete an interment form to let us know your plans for the day so that we can help you achieve your wishes.
- Make the arrangements yourself or ask your funeral director to do this for you.
- Book the date and time with us. Burials may take place 10am-3pm and at weekends by special arrangement.

## Practicalities

We recommend stout footwear as the ground is uneven. A foldable chair is a good idea for those who find it difficult to stand. And remember, there's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong sort of clothes...

There is a wealth of information about natural burial on our website [www.bathnaturalburials.co.uk](http://www.bathnaturalburials.co.uk) and we are here in the Leedam Natural Heritage office to answer your questions - 01600 716438.



# Our custodian



## Sally Cook

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Our custodian at Bath is Sally Cook, Janet Cross's daughter. Sally grew up on the farm with her sisters and continues to live here today alongside several other family members.

On the day of a funeral Sally is there to welcome and look after you.

Please contact Sally if you would like to arrange a guided visit or would just like to learn more about having a natural burial at Bath. If you prefer to explore the burial meadow independently, please feel free to visit and have a wander around.







## More time and space

The burial ground gives you freedom to remember the people you love in a way that feels personal. Whether you want a traditional funeral, or something a little different, we can inspire, support and guide you to help organise the day.

When visiting, it is tranquil and private. An unhurried and gentle place to get away from it all. It is somewhere quiet to be with your memories, to take one step at a time, close to nature, whatever the weather, throughout the seasons.

“A sad occasion became full of love, friendship and time for reflection”





## Make the day your own

The meadow gives you the freedom to be yourselves.

Whether you are planning a simple interment with only a few in attendance or a larger funeral event we will offer inspiration, support and guidance, so you can organise the day exactly as you'd like it.



## Flowers

In natural surroundings flower arrangements should not include any wire, plastics or oasis.

Perhaps consider using produce from the veg patch or a hand-tied bouquet from a florist who sources locally. You may like to scatter single stems or petals into the grave as a tribute.



## Pets

Dogs offer comfort and companionship, especially at funerals. Dogs on leads are welcome at the burial meadow.

A pet's ashes may be included in their owner's grave at the time of interment.

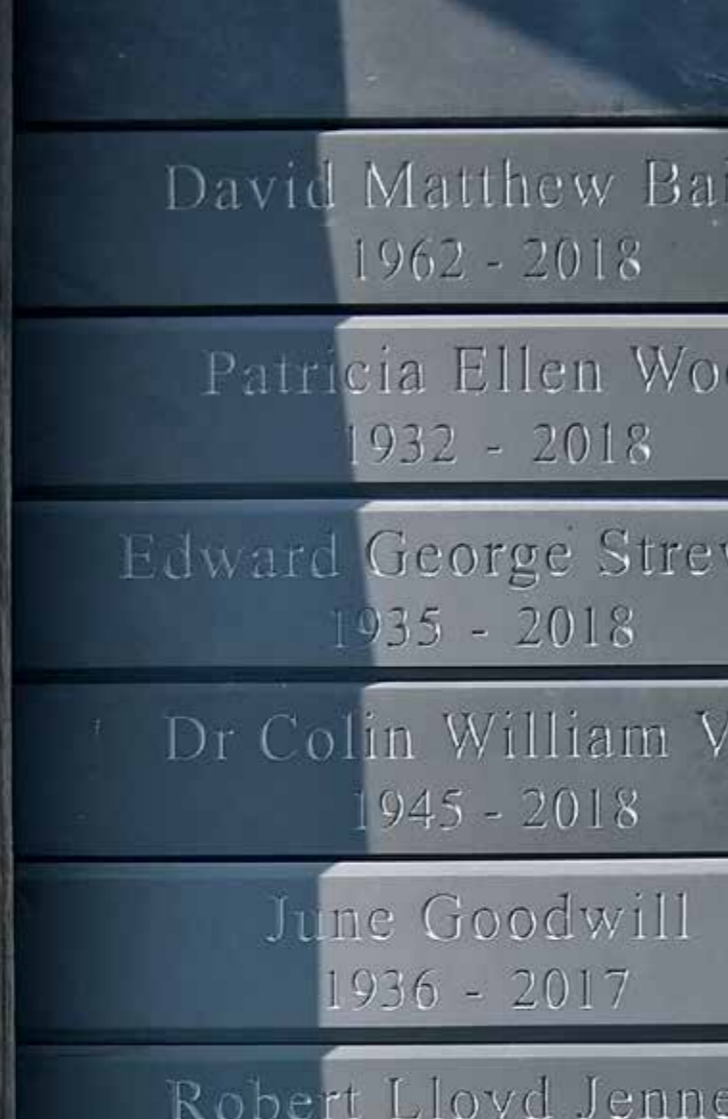


## Memorial frame

Slate memorial plaques engraved with names and dates commemorate people buried in the meadow.

The plaques are housed in this hand built chestnut memorial frame located within the corner of the meadow nearest the entrance.

The wooden frame includes a bench on each side, offering a quiet place to rest a while and take in the surroundings.



## Finding the spot

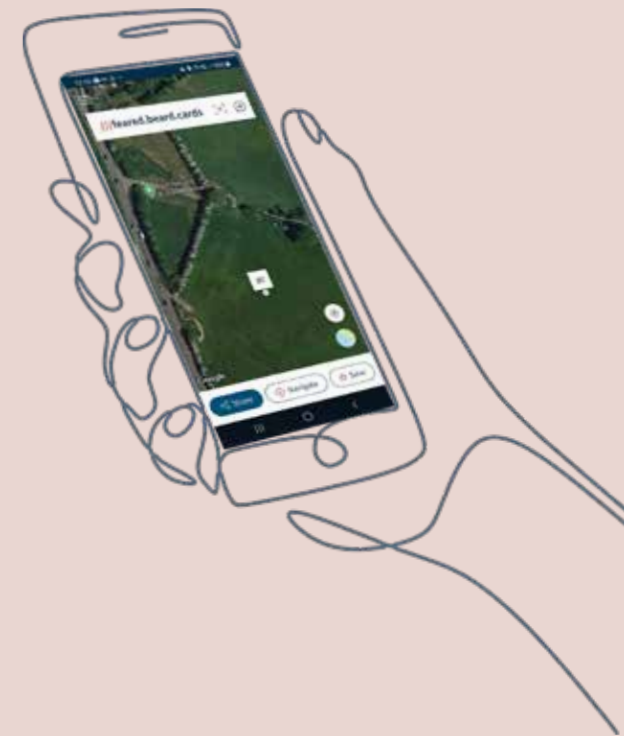
To preserve the natural landscape, graves do not feature headstones, grave-markers or surrounds; instead, they are carefully mapped and their locations are recorded and shared with you so that you'll know where to visit.

Whichever way you would prefer to share the location, we have got it covered...

- >> Latitude and Longitude
- >> [///](#) What3Words address
- >> Google Pluscode
- >> Google Maps link

If you struggle with any of these, don't worry, we will be able to flag the spot for you.

You'll be able to return to the spot at any time and you'll have helped preserve a much loved landscape for future generations to enjoy.





**Bath Natural Burial Meadow**

Midford Hill, Midford, Bath, BA2 7DE

*(not for correspondence)*

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Google Plus Code: 8MQ6+Q8 Bath

You can find us on the B3110, look out for the large entrance signs. Contact us for the code to access the burial meadow car park.

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## 1. The applicant (the person who will be responsible for payment)

Your name	
Your address	
Your email address	
Your telephone number(s)	

## 2. For whom is the right of burial/ashes being purchased?

Their full name ( <input type="checkbox"/> same as above)			
Their address ( <input type="checkbox"/> same as above)			
Their date of birth		Relationship <i>You are their...</i>	
Type of rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashes	
Selected area	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow	<input type="checkbox"/> Southeastern	

## 3. OPTIONAL - Purchase an adjacent right of burial/ashes

Their full name	
Their address ( <input type="checkbox"/> same as above)	
Their date of birth	

Continued overleaf...



## 4. Applicant's signature and declaration

The information given on this form is accurate. I am the person to whom all correspondence should be sent and am responsible for paying the amounts shown in the table below and agree to be bound by Leedam's terms and conditions ([www.leedam.co.uk/burial-contract](http://www.leedam.co.uk/burial-contract)) and the burial meadow regulations ([www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/](http://www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/)) which apply.

Signature		Date	
Full name			

## 5. Payment

By completing this form and making payment, you are securing the right of burial (or ashes interment) at the current rate. The registration fee, memorial rights and gravedigging charge will be payable at the prevailing rate at the time of the burial or ashes interment.

Item	2024-25 Price	£
Burial Plot - Meadow	£1,435	
Burial Plot - Southeastern area	£795	
Ashes Plot - Meadow	£735	
Ashes Plot - Southeastern area	£400	
Extra ashes in grave	£240	
Adjacent Plot	Please insert price:	
Service only	£250	
	TOTAL:	
Payable to Leedam Natural Heritage, Account No: 06006136, Sort Code: 80-02-38		

\*Please add the Standing Order Admin Fee if you wish to spread payments over 10 or 20 months and make arrangements with your bank to pay monthly instalments to Leedam Natural Heritage (account number 06006136, sort code 80-02-38), quoting ref: Bath+Yourname.

## 6. Updates and how we use your personal data

We would like to be able to let you know about future matters concerning the burial meadow and any new options that might become available. If you agree to being contacted this way please tick the relevant boxes:

Email  Post  Phone (you can opt out at any time).

Personal data you supply will be used to confirm the purchase and to register rights sold at the burial meadow. We share details of the event and the people involved with the custodian to prepare them for your arrival. We may also use it for statistical analysis. We will not share your data with other organisations. View our privacy policy for further information ([www.leedam.co.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.leedam.co.uk/privacy-policy)).

We are obliged to keep a register of all burials and interments, recording the date of burial, names in full, age and grave number. By law, this data must be accessible to the public upon request.



# For when I die...





## Message

TIP - Write a message here to the person who reads this document

My full name

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My home address

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My date of birth

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The key person/people to contact in case of my death

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They are my... (son, daughter, executor etc)

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Their contact details are...

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I have made a will, it is kept here<sup>1</sup>

TIP - if you haven't, you probably should get a solicitor-written will, a service which is often offered in return for a charitable donation

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<sup>1</sup> Edit or delete as necessary

## I have a pre-paid funeral plan<sup>2</sup>

TIP - Don't feel pressured into taking out a pre-paid funeral plan, it can be just as good to keep your money in a savings account, because of the fees charged by the plan provider and commissions paid out to the person who arranged it.

Plan details -

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## I have set aside money to pay for my funeral

Bank:

Account No:

Sort code:

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## Telephone tree – who to call

I attach a list of people to call and have highlighted those who should be asked to let others know.

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## Newspaper ? Online announcement

No | Yes \* (say where) | No Preference

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## I have decided to be

Buried | Cremated \*

Name of natural burial ground, cemetery or crematorium

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<sup>2</sup> Edit or delete as necessary



## Have I reserved a plot?

No | Yes\* - the papers relating to this are attached

Location:

No, I would like my ashes to be scattered. (TIP - this requires the landowner's consent and is not great for the environment or ecologically sound)

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## Funeral director

None if possible (using a FD is not a legal requirement in the UK)

First choice

Second choice

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## Preferred coffin / shroud

(TIP - locally made from biodegradable materials such as wicker, wood, wool, or recycled fabrics like cotton sheets)

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## Before the funeral

**Embalming** - An unnatural, invasive and toxic process, also called hygienic treatment by some FDs. If you are having a natural burial you should ask not to be embalmed - the poisonous chemicals will kill soil microbes and leech into groundwater)

I do | I do not \* wish to be embalmed

## Where to rest

before the funeral for some or all of the period

## I would like to be buried with / next to

(TIP - You can reserve an adjacent plot in most cases. Also, extra cremated remains can be included as part of a burial, even your pet's ashes can go in with you.)

## Viewing

(TIP - for some this is important, but don't delay viewing)

I am happy for my body to be viewed: No | Yes \* | No Preference

Instructions for laying out

My family may/may not\* help lay me out if they wish

## Hair

## Clothes, glasses etc.

(TIPS - it's a struggle to dress a dead body which you might prefer to avoid.

For natural burial, choose natural, biodegradable fabrics like cotton, silk, wool, leather etc.)

## Make-up

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## The funeral

Think about what's important when organising your funeral...

## Funeral Service

### Who to invite

### Type of service

(Tip: Services at crematoriums, natural burial grounds, and cemeteries can be religious and non-religious or of mixed religion. You can also choose to have no service at all.)

### Dress code

**Arrival** perhaps you would like to arrive on a hay-trailer behind a vintage tractor...

**Venue** (Tip: You can have a funeral service anywhere - at your local pub, hotel, your home, or even outdoors with a simple committal beforehand, and maybe a wake there too after the funeral.)

### Celebrant / Minister

**Words...** provide some help with an outline of your life, special events (we have collected some here <http://www.leedam.com/words-and-music.html>).

## Order of ceremony sheet

Folded A4 card with a paper insert sheet? (TIP: why not include a seed card, pack of seeds or acorn to take away to plant?)

## Photograph

## Readings

## Music

## Video

**Flowers** (TIP - instead of florist's flowers, gather flowers from the garden or specimens from the veg patch. Alternatively suggest a favourite item like a hat, flag, fishing gear, model boat, remote-controlled car etc. to be placed on the coffin)

## Photos

Photography/video recording

**Special things** - like a hat, emblem, craftwork, baking, scent, tipple, crossword...

**Collection** – which charity?

**Special instructions**

**Vehicles** (hearse, limo, own cars etc)

**Bearers** (list if there are any people you would like to be asked to bear the coffin)



## Gathering after funeral service

Place

Instructions

## Newspaper report

## Memorial

Type of memorial  
(if any is permitted)

Inscription

## Anniversaries

## Tree Planting

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

I attach a list of my bank accounts, building society accounts, savings bonds, insurance plans, pension plans, shares and investments etc

## BUSINESS MATTERS

I attach a list of my Business partners, Solicitor, Accountant, Landlord(s), Tenant(s) etc