



Cardiff & The Vale

Natural Burial Meadow

 Leedam





Look out over familiar places

The western meadows are sheltered in woodland. To the east, meanwhile, vistas open towards the Garth Mountain, along the Taff Valley to Castell Coch, St Fagans, Caerphilly Mountain and Craig Llysfaen.

The further east you walk, the more of the city you'll see. Head across to the tall beech trees in the south-eastern high ground and, on a sunny day, you'll catch the light dancing on the surface of the Severn Estuary, the two bridges leading your eyes across to the Mendip Hills of Somerset in the distance.

The beauty of the meadow evolves with the passing seasons. At any time of year, a visit to the burial ground will connect you with nature.

You'll have space to focus. To reflect on life, love, and loss.

How it works

A natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. The meadow will remain as it is now, permanent pasture - genuine, farmed countryside.

In advance

- Visit the burial meadow and spend time there getting to know it and deciding whether it's right for you.
- 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.

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.cardiffnaturalburials.co.uk and we are here in the Leedam office to answer your questions - 01600 716438.

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-1.30pm on weekdays by arrangement.



Our custodian



Annabelle Traherne

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Our custodian at Cardiff natural burial meadow is Annabelle Traherne. Annabelle and her husband Rhodri own the Traherne estate and take great pride in ensuring that the meadow is maintained to the highest standard at all times.

On the day of a funeral, Annabelle will be there to welcome and look after you.

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



More time and space

The natural burial ground in Cardiff is an open meadow, punctuated by mature trees framing scenic views across the Vale.

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 scenic landscape photograph featuring a green field in the foreground with several sheep grazing. A line of trees, including some evergreens, separates the field from a distant town and hills. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“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.

If it rains, the memorial shelter provides space for gatherings and refuge from the weather.



Flowers

Consider using flowers from your garden, or a friend's, or produce from the veg patch to create a hand-tied bouquet. Ask florists to use these or locally grown flowers. No plastic, Oasis foam or wire, please.

Think about scattering petals from a basket or single stems into the grave.



Personal touches

Choose the best format, music, ceremony and style to suit the person who has died.

You could celebrate with an open-air picnic; wear bright colours or a favourite team's strip; arrive by motorbike or horse and carriage. You have the time and space to do it your way.



Memorial plaques

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

The plaques are housed between the upright timbers of the walls of the memorial shelter, located within the top corner of the meadow nearest the entrance.

Rights to display a plaque are granted for a period of 25 years after which they can be renewed.

Alwyn Littlewood

1943 - 2010

Peter J. Tweddle

1938 - 2008

Susan Patricia Ravenhill

1949 - 2010

Doreen Waring

1924 - 2010

John Desmond Newton

1935 - 2007

Stan R. L. Westacott

1927 - 2010

Barry Rees

1973 - 2010

Robert L. H. K. Pattinson

1930 - 2009

Felicity Nash

1927 - 2009

Simon Christopher Cresser

1988 - 2010

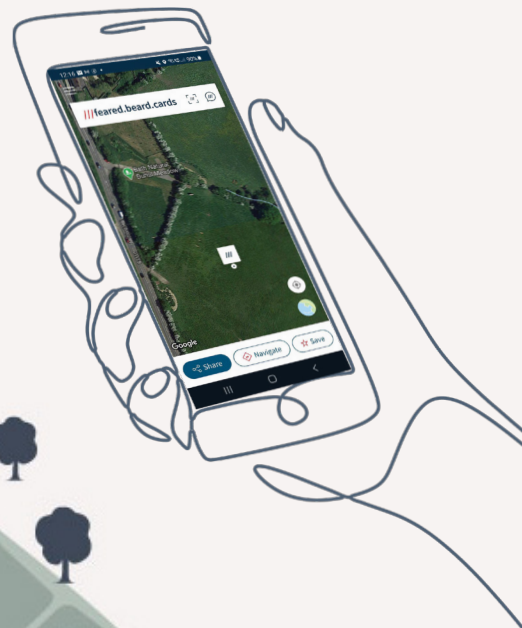
Elsie Rabjohns

1907 - 2010

Finding the spot

Graves are carefully mapped and their exact GPS locations and What3Words addresses are recorded and shared with you so that you'll know where to visit.

If you struggle with any of these, don't worry - call us, we'll help.





Cardiff Natural Burial Meadow

Coedarhydyglyn Park, St Nicholas, Cardiff CF5 6SG
(not for correspondence)

[Google Maps Plus Code: FP83+8H Cardiff](#)

What3Words.com/doctor.grants.wink

You can find us on the A48 towards Cowbridge. Go past M&S (on your right) and continue up the hill to the top. After approximately half a mile take the first right, look for the 'Natural Burial Ground' signs. The entrance is 200 metres on the right.

Custodian

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Interment form - Valid from 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

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

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

2. The person who has died

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| Their full name | | | |
| The deceased's address | | | |
| Their date of birth | | The date of death | |
| Your relationship to the deceased? | You are the deceased's... | | |
| Who is the deceased's primary representative? | | | |
| Their telephone number | | | |
| Their email address | | | |

3. Funeral director (FD) - if you are using one

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| Company name | |
| Contact name | |
| Contact email address | |
| Contact telephone number(s) | |

4. The coffin, casket or shroud

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| What material is it made of? | | | | | | |
| <i>Please note - NO PLASTIC LININGS or polyester trimmings must be used. Line with canvas or paper.</i> | | | | | | |
| Accurate exterior dimensions | Length | | Width | | Height | |

Return by email to cardiff@leedam.co.uk

or by post to Leedam, The Market Tavern, 26 Agincourt Square, Monmouth, NP25 3BT | 01600 716 438

5. The grave

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| Type of grave | <input type="checkbox"/> Burial | | <input type="checkbox"/> Ashes | |
| Are the rights pre-purchased? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | |
| If yes, the Register Number | 05 - | | | |
| Next to an existing grave? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | |
| If yes, next to whom? | | | | |
| Would you like to reserve the adjacent plot? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional (for 1 year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - burial plot | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - ashes plot |
| If yes, please provide their: | Name | | | |
| | Address | | | |
| | Date of birth | | | |
| | Phone no. | | | |
| | Email | | | |

6. Extra ashes within the coffin/casket/grave

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| Extra ashes? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Human ashes | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet ashes |
| | | <i>Human ashes require an additional registration fee.</i> | <i>Pet's ashes require a separate fee to cover APHA costs.</i> |
| For extra human ashes, please provide their: | Name | | |
| | Their last address | | |
| | Date of birth | | |
| | Date of death | | |

7. The event

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| Requested date <i>(burial on weekdays only)</i> | | | |
| Requested arrival time: <i>(11am-2pm in winter / 11am - 4pm in summer)</i> | | Estimated departure: | |

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| What type of event are you planning? | <input type="checkbox"/> Simple committal with a graveside service <input type="checkbox"/> Committal after a service elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/> A longer celebration of life <input type="checkbox"/> Other... | | |
| Who will carry the coffin? | <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral director's staff <input type="checkbox"/> Family and friends <input type="checkbox"/> A combination (FD + Family and friends) | | |
| Number of people expected | | Number of cars: | |
| Name of officiant (if any) | | | |

8. Optional items

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| An oak memorial plaque mounted in the memorial shelter for 25 years (renewable) | | | |
| Name to go on plaque (Max 28 letters and spaces) | | | |
| Year of birth | | Year of death | |

9. Applicant's signature and declaration

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| 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) and the Burial Ground Regulations (www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/) which apply. | |
| Signature | |
| Full name | |
| Date | |

Payment options

| Item | Price | £ |
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| Burial Plot - Hazel | £875 | |
| Burial Plot - Middle Meadow | £1,340 | |
| Burial Plot - North Meadow | £1,455 | |
| Burial Plot - West Meadow | £1,455 | |
| Burial Plot - Scots Pine | £1,670 | |
| Burial Plot - Sycamore | £1,855 | |
| Burial Plot - Parkland | £4,815 | |
| Ashes Plot - Hazel | £435 | |
| Ashes Plot - Middle Meadow | £655 | |
| Ashes Plot - North Meadow | £725 | |
| Ashes Plot - West Meadow | £725 | |
| Ashes Plot - Scots Pine | £835 | |
| Ashes Plot - Sycamore | £915 | |
| Ashes Plot - Beech | £1,140 | |
| Ashes Plot - East Meadow | £1,140 | |
| Ashes Plot - Parkland | £2,340 | |
| Registration Fee | £245 | £245 |
| Optional | | |
| Reserve the Adjacent Plot | <i>Please insert price:</i> | |
| Extra Ashes in Same Plot | £250 | |
| Pet's Ashes with Owner | £65 | |
| Oak Plaque (25 years) | £345 | |
| Blank Oak Plaque | £75 | |
| | TOTAL: | |
| Payable to Leedam Natural Heritage, Account No: 06006136, Sort Code: 80-02-38 | | |
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| Grave digging | Price | £ |
| Grave Digging for Ashes | £210 | |
| Grave Digging for Burial | £590 | |
| Payable to Traherne Farms Ltd., Account No: 97936332, Sort Code: 56-00-41 | | |

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Who will be responsible for payment?

- ☐ Applicant ☐ Funeral Director ☐ Other (please provide name & address)

Data protection

We would like to be able to contact you about future matters concerning the burial ground 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 withdraw your consent at any time. View our privacy policy for further information (www.leedam.co.uk/privacy-policy).

Funeral arrangements



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| Burial ground name: | Cardiff & The Vale Natural Burial Meadow |
| Location: | Coedarhydyglyn Park, St Nicholas, Cardiff Nearest postcode CF5 6SG (not accurate when used with SatNav) Instead use this what3words.com/sweep.cheek.flats |
| Access: | Open year-round. The pedestrian gate into the meadow is not locked. The car park is locked after 5 pm overnight. Please let wheelchair users know that there are no paths across the grass. |
| Description: | Elevated, picturesque parkland with far-reaching views across the city and Vale principally towards St Fagans, Castell Coch and the Garth Mountain. The burial ground is divided into named areas, each of which offers something different. |
| Ethos: | Keep things simple, natural and sustainable. Real countryside preserved for future generations. |
| On-site facilities: | Car parking and large memorial shelter. No rooms, chapels, toilets or mortuary facilities. The nearest WCs are at the shopping centre at Culverhouse Cross. |
| Operator and Owner: | Operator: Leedam Natural Heritage. Owner - Traherne Farms Ltd. |
| Custodian: | Annabelle Traherne, tel 01446 760321 |

Procedures

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| Provisional booking: | Call 01600 716438 to make a provisional funeral booking, after the death has been certified, and let us know the requested date, name of the deceased, your own contact details, and any prior purchase information. |
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| Confirmation: | We will check the calendar to make sure it's not already taken, then contact the gravedigger and custodian to make sure they are available before confirming the booking. |
| Submit forms: | Download the Interment Form and complete the details as soon as possible and <u>at least two days before the event</u> . Email it to cardiff@leedam.com with a scanned copy of the Coroner's Order for Burial or a Registrar's Certificate (or cremation certificate for an ashes interment). |
| Payments: | Payment by bank transfer is required before the event. The gravedigger is paid separately, but also before the event. We will send you a receipt and confirm that everything is OK. |
| Prices and forms: | A price list and all forms are available on the website www.leedam.com/locations/cardiff/forms-prices |
| Embalming: | Embalming fills the body with toxic chemicals which we do not wish to introduce into the soil. We would only accept embalmed remains in exceptional circumstances, e.g. repatriation. |
| Choosing a plot: | Arrange a family visit to the burial ground with the Custodian (01446 760321) to select the area that suits you (plan here). Liaise with the office directly (01600 716438) using the mobile app What3Words.com to make sure the location is right. |
| Double plots: | Plots are single depth. Double plots are arranged side by side. Choose which side is which. The second plot can be paid for in full or costs can be spread over 10 or 20 months by setting up a monthly standing order (extra admin charge applies). If undecided, we can provisionally reserve it for 1 year, after which it may be offered to others. |
| Coffins etc: | Choose an eco-coffin, casket or shroud. All materials, including linings and clothing, should be natural and biodegradable. No veneered MDF or chipboard, please. Standard nameplates are OK or a handwritten card label with the deceased's name and dates. <i>TIP - Use calico canvas instead of polythene Crem Film.</i> |

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| Coffin size: | Please measure and include the true maximum external dimensions of the coffin on the Interment Form. If in doubt, please call us. |
| Grave digging: | Our nominated gravedigger will prepare the grave ready for your arrival. Graves are single depth 1.3m; double plots are arranged side by side. Families can backfill the soil to cover the coffin if they choose, but the gravedigger will complete the work. |

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| On the day: | <p>There is usually only one burial on the day and time is not limited. The Custodian will be there to meet and direct you.</p> <p>The vehicular gate into the meadow will be open for the hearse, limousine and family mourners with limited mobility who display the priority parking sign in the windscreen.</p> <p><i>TIP - Estate cars are popular with families instead of the formal hearse.</i></p> |
| Dogs and pets: | <p>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 its owner's grave at the time of interment.</p> |
| Music: | <p>There is no electrical power supply in the burial ground. Make sure that battery-powered speakers are powerful enough to deliver good sound quality. Live, acoustic music is always beautiful.</p> |
| What to wear: | <p>Wellies/hiking shoes (not high heels); warm, windproof clothes.</p> <p><i>TIP - Bring folding chairs, scarves, hats and blankets for the elderly.</i></p> |
| Carrying the coffin: | <p>The ground is uneven, so the usual church trolley won't work. Carry the coffin underarm rather than on shoulders, feet-first. Set up trestles at regular resting points if the carry distance is long.</p> |
| Webbing: | <p>Please bring your own webbing. The custodian or gravedigger will have a backup set in case you come without.</p> |
| Flowers: | <p>Seasonal flowers from the garden or produce from the veg patch are perfect. Let florists know it is for a natural burial, so no plastic, Oasis foam or wire, please. Arrangements should be taken away at the end of the event. Please let the custodian know if a posy of</p> |

flowers is to be left on the grave. *TIP - Bring a basket of petals from the garden to scatter into the grave.*

Items in the grave: Additional cremated remains can be included the grave, even those of a pet; please include details on the application form. You can also include natural tributes e.g. a wooden boat, sea shells; a sealed museum jar with significant pieces, or other inert objects.

After the funeral: We will issue a certificate of interment, by email, with the precise grave location details. This will be in pdf format for sharing.

Finding the grave: The certificate of interment will include links to Google Maps, GPS coordinates and the What3Words address of the grave. The What3Words mobile app is an easy way to navigate to the grave. If there is ever concern, we can flag the spot.

Memorials: To keep the land sustainable for the future as pasture, individual graves are not marked. Instead, oak plaques inscribed with the names and dates are mounted between the upright timbers of the memorial shelter. Memorial rights to display a plaque are granted for 25 years (renewable). The memorial can be ordered on the Interment Form or a separate application form is available [here](#).

Plants and trees: To conserve the Listed parkland landscape and the natural habitat, no trees are planted on graves. Groups of oak trees were planted to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and these are now maturing well. To protect wildlife and bereaved families from unwanted change, nothing should be planted and no seeds should be scattered without our consent.

Further Information

Baby & infant funerals: Wales has a scheme in place, whereby no fees should be charged for the burial of a child or person under the age of 18 (including stillborn and foetal remains), which we support.

Direct burials: A direct /simple natural burial can be arranged for families who do not wish to attend the burial. Full grave location details will be provided on the burial certificate.

- Burial Ground Rules:** Outlined in full [here](#)
- Maintenance:** The burial ground is maintained as agricultural grassland. It will be mown three times a year. Sheep may be brought in to graze the land and when they do, be careful where you tread.
- Long term security:** The land is Listed by the Wales Government as being of national importance. This gives it a very high level of protection. There is no real chance of the land being redeveloped at any time in the future.
- Contact us:**
- Office: Leedam Natural Heritage, t. 01600 716438
 - Email: cardiff@leedam.com
 - Website: <https://www.cardiffnaturalburials.co.uk/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cardiffnaturalburials>