



Delliefure

Natural Burial Gound


Leedam





In the peace of the wildthings

Delliefure natural burial ground's beauty is typical of the Strathspey area of the Cairngorms National Park in which it lies.

The sweeping burial ground is flanked on each side by silver birch woodland. At the far end, the glade opens up to reveal the superb river Spey.

Here you may see buzzards wheeling overhead, while ospreys and otters hunt the flowing river, famous for its salmon and sea trout fishing. On land, the lichen-crusting silver birch woodland is important habitat for deer, red squirrels and pine martens.

It is a place of escape; somewhere quiet to take one step at a time, close to wildlife, with your memories, and view the changes through the seasons.

How it works

A natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. The burial ground will remain a beautiful sweeping meadow surrounded by trees.

In advance

- Visit the burial ground and spend time there getting to know it and deciding whether it's right for you.
- Complete an online application form, 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.

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 leedam.com/locations/delliefure and we are here in the Leedam office to answer your questions - 01600 716438.

When planning a funeral

- Complete an online application or download 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.



Our custodian



Duncan Grant

Mobile: 07511 684099

Office: 01600 716438

Email: delliefure@leedam.com



Our custodian, Duncan Grant, looks after the burial ground and everyone who has a connection with it.

Duncan would be delighted to meet you there, walk you round, help you decide which area to choose and talk about what others have done that works well. He will also be there on the day of the burial to greet you.

As well as taking on this role, Duncan is, amongst other things, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Grantown Museum and Heritage Trust where he also volunteers on the front desk.



More time and space

An unhurried and private place away from the hustle of daily life. Somewhere to remember, replenish and reflect. A place of peace and solitude, when you need it, and love.

Spend time in nature, experience the weather and watch the seasons change. And for those at rest here, it offers a simple return to nature.



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



Make the day your own

The burial ground 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

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.

Pets

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

A pet's ashes may be included in its owner's grave at the time of interment. Or we have a dedicated area for pet burials at the burial ground.



Memorial plaques

It's important to commemorate the names of the dead and when they lived. Unlike a conventional cemetery, there will not be rows of memorial stones, vases of flowers or mementos placed on each grave.

Instead, inside the burial ground sits a solid chestnut-framed memorial panel where Caithness slate plaques are mounted. Each plaque is inscribed with the name, year of birth and year of death of those buried here. Alternatively, you can purchase the right to place a memorial stone in the woodland. Duncan, the custodian can advise you on the types of stones permitted.



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, get in touch with us, and we can arrange to flag the spot for your next visit.

Burial ground map

This is the map of the burial ground. It is divided into areas, and there are different prices aligned to each area.

You can find the current prices on the forms and prices page on our website: leedam.com/locations/delliefure



Scan the QR code to view the forms and prices page.





Delliefure Natural Burial Ground

Grantown-on-Spey, PH26 3PJ *(not for correspondence)*

[Google Maps Plus Code:](#)

[9F69+PW Grantown-on-Spey](#)

what3words.com/ferrets.fatigued.bolts

Find us as you leave Grantown-on-Spey village, past the Craig Maclean Leisure Centre (on the right), and follow the B9102 road for 3.3 miles. The entrance to the natural burial ground is on the left.

Custodian

Duncan Grant

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**Leedam**

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

Please complete the relevant Scottish Government Application Form before completing this form. The forms can be [downloaded from their website](#). Once completed, please email the completed forms to delliefure@leedam.co.uk.

Nominee details

Name of deceased	
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1. Lair options

Next to an existing lair?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes, next to whom?				
Would you like to reserve the adjacent lair?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional (for 1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Burial lair	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Ashes lair
If yes, for whom will it be?	Name			
	Address			
	Date of birth			
	Phone no.			
	Email			
Would you like to place extra ashes in the lair?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>(Incurs additional registration fee)</i>	
If yes, whose ashes will be added:	Name			
	Their last address			
	Date of birth			
	Date of death			

1. The event

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

2. Optional items

<input type="checkbox"/> A Welsh slate memorial plaque mounted in the memorial frame for 25 years (renewable)			
Name to go on plaque <i>(Max 28 letters and spaces)</i>			
Year of birth		Year of death	
<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial rights to place and display a 'natural' memorial stone for 25 years (renewable) These rights are only available for graves in the woodland areas.			
Memorial stones need to be locally sourced, flat, rustic in shape and laid level with the ground and no larger than 45cm x 45cm. A river or field stone, inscribed by a local craftsman would be ideal.			

3. 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) and the Burial Ground Regulations (www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/) which apply.

Signature		Date	
Full name			

Payment options

Item	Price	£
Ashes Plot - Birchwood East	£690	
Ashes Plot - Birchwood Middle	£690	
Ashes Plot - Birchwood West	£690	
Ashes Plot - Middle Glade	£500	
Ashes Plot - North Glade	£570	
Ashes Plot - South Glade	£500	
Ashes Plot - Spey View 1	£860	
Ashes Plot - Spey View Bank	£1,175	
Ashes Scattering	£65	
Burial Plot - Birchwood East	£1,390	
Burial Plot - Birchwood Middle	£1,390	
Burial Plot - Birchwood West	£1,390	
Burial Plot - Middle Glade	£1,005	
Burial Plot - North Glade	£1,165	
Burial Plot - South Glade	£1,005	
Burial Plot - Spey View 1	£1,715	
Burial Plot - Spey View Bank	£2,350	
Registration Fee	£245	£245
Optional		
Adjacent plot	Please insert price:	
Extra Ashes in Same Plot	£245	
Custodian Weekend Attendance Fee	£80	
Memorial Rights	£345	
	TOTAL:	

Full burial - Grave digging	Price	£
Grave Digging - Weekdays	£530	
Payable to John Kirk Groundworks and Plant Hire Ltd, Account No: 25369762, Sort Code: 80-22-60		

Ashes burial - Grave digging	Price	£
Grave Digging Ashes - Weekdays	£215	
Grave Digging Ashes - Saturday	£325	
Payable to Leedam Natural Heritage, Account No: 06006136, Sort Code: 80-02-38		

Valid from 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

Who will be responsible for payment?

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

How did you find out about us? Please let us know...

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 be contacted this way please tick the relevant boxes:

- Email
- Post
- Phone

Funeral arrangements



Burial ground name:	Delliefure Natural Burial Ground
Location:	Delliefure, B9102, Grantown-on-Spey, Highland, Scotland Nearest postcode PH26 3HY (not accurate when used with SatNav) Instead use this what3words.com/efficient.talkers.unrealistic
Access:	Open year-round. The gate into the burial ground is not locked. Please let wheelchair users know that there are no paths across the grass.
Description:	Quintessential Strathspey landscape. The sweeping meadow is flanked on each side by silver birch woodland. At the far end the glade opens up to reveal the superb river Spey. 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 woodland trail. The nearest WCs are at Grantown here: https://w3w.co/refusals.unites.paused . No rooms, chapels, toilets or mortuary facilities.
Operator and Owner:	Operator: Leedam Natural Heritage. Owner - Reidhaven Estate.
Custodian:	Duncan Grant, tel 07511 684099

Procedures

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.

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 at least two days before the event. Email it to delliefure@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/delliefure/forms-and-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 (07511 684099) to select the area that suits you. 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>
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.

On the day: There is usually only one burial on the day and time is not limited. The Custodian will be there to meet and direct you.

The track 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.

TIP - Estate cars are popular with families instead of the formal hearse.

Dogs and 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 its owner's grave at the time of interment.

Music: 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.

What to wear: Wellies/hiking shoes (not high-heels); warm, windproof clothes.
TIP - Bring folding chairs, scarves, hats and blankets for the elderly.

Carrying the coffin: 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.

Webbing: Please bring your own webbing. The custodian or gravedigger will have a backup set in case you come without.

- Flowers:** 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 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, slate plaques inscribed with the names and dates are mounted between the upright timbers of the memorial frame. 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 trees were planted to define the separate glades 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:** Scotland 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 within the boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park. 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:**
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