



Henley-on-Thames

Woodland Burial Ground

Leedam





A space to reflect and remember

The tranquility of the burial ground at Rotherfield Greys, just outside Henley, provides a welcome escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Unhurried and secluded, it is a peaceful and serene haven away from it all - a sanctuary of calm and solitude, available whenever you seek a moment of peace and love. Immerse yourself in nature, witnessing the changing seasons.

Here, there's the freedom and space to arrange a personalised farewell, be it through a traditional funeral or a unique approach. We are here to assist you with inspiration, support, and guidance in organising the day.

For those at rest in this place, it symbolises a simple return to nature.

How it works

A natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. The burial ground will become a thriving mature native woodland.

In advance

- Visit the burial ground 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.

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



Our custodians

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Jonny and Phil jointly look after Henley-On-Thames woodland burial ground. They ensure that the burial ground is maintained to the highest standard at all times.

On the day of a funeral, Jonny and Phil 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 Henley-On-Thames. If you prefer to explore the burial ground independently, please call the office for the gate code and enjoy the serenity of the burial ground yourself.





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.



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 owners grave at the time of interment.

Creating a new native woodland

We are planting new native woodland across the areas where burials take place, so that one day this place will be a thriving mature woodland with open glades and rides, shrub margins and deeper woodland shade.

Tree planting began in 2011

Whips were planted in the winter in protective tubes fixed to sturdy stakes to give them the best chance for growth and survival. Since then, more shrubs and trees have been planted each winter. The pattern follows the design for the woodland so that a structured layout with paths, glades and vistas is created.

At 12 years old

Having grown out of their tubes, the trees now stand alone and begin to create the layered canopy which is essential for access to sunlight. The trees will be a mixture of native species including Oak, Cherry and Hazel and will eventually merge with the surrounding countryside.

Several years on

The young saplings found their way out of the protective tubes. These tubes help to protect from rabbit and deer damage while providing a microclimate perfect for young trees. The woodland is overplanted and inevitably some will fail and if appropriate some will be replaced.

50 years and beyond

By this stage the woodland will have matured and the layered canopy of trees and shrubs will support a stable ecosystem including spring flowering native plants, shrubs and an abundance of wildlife.





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 among the woodland there is a solid oak-framed and chestnut-framed memorial panels where slate plaques are mounted.

Each plaque is inscribed with the name, year of birth and year of death of those buried here.

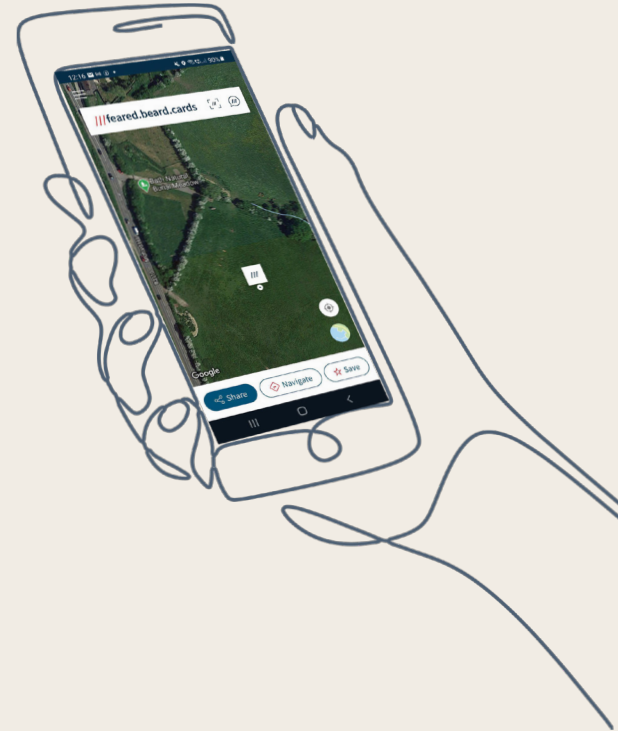
Finding the spot

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
- >> QR Code (scan with your camera app)

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.





Henley-on-Thames Woodland Burial Ground

Greys Road, Rotherfield Greys, Henley-on-Thames,
RG9 4PN (*not for correspondence*)

Google Maps Plus Code: G2MX+GV Henley-on-Thames
what3words.com/anthems.placidly.create

Find us as you leave Rotherfield Greys village, past
the Maltsters Arms (on the right), and the entrance
to the natural burial ground is on the right.

Contact the office for the padlock code to access the
burial ground car park.

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Pre-purchase form - Valid from 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

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 being purchased?

Their full name (☐ as above)			
Their address (☐ as above)			
Their date of birth		Relationship <i>You are their...</i>	
Selected area	(not applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashes	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial

3. OPTIONAL - Purchase a second right of burial

Woodland creation is ongoing and as new trees are planted, roots grow and branches spread, future grave locations cannot be predetermined.

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

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Return by email to henley@leedam.co.uk

or by post to Leedam, The Market Tavern, 26 Agincourt Square, Monmouth, NP25 3BT | 01600 716 438 1/2

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

Signature

Date

Full name

How did you hear about the burial ground?

5. Payment options

At this stage only the right of burial (or ashes interment) can be reserved; the registration fee, memorial rights and gravedigging charges are always paid at the prevailing rate at the time of the burial.

Item	Price	£
Ashes Plot - Lane End	£775	
Ashes Plot - Woodland	£1,000	
Burial Plot - Lane End	£1,250	
Burial Plot - Woodland	£1,990	
Optional		
Standing Order Admin Fee*	£80	
Extra Ashes in Same Plot	£245	
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 a/c 06006136, s/c 80-02-38, quoting ref: **HeTh+Yo name**.

6. Updates and how we use your personal data

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 opt out at any time).

Personal data you supply will be used to confirm the purchase and to register rights sold at the burial ground. 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).

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



For when I die...



Message

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

My full name

My home address

My date of birth

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

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

Their contact details are...

I have made a will, it is kept here¹

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

¹ Edit or delete as necessary

I have a pre-paid funeral plan²

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 -

I have set aside money to pay for my funeral

Bank:

Account No:

Sort code:

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.

Newspaper ? Online announcement

No | Yes * (say where) | No Preference

I have decided to be

Buried | Cremated *

Name of natural burial ground, cemetery or crematorium

² 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)

Funeral director

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

First choice

Second choice

Preferred coffin / shroud

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

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

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