

Pembrokeshire

Natural Burial Meadow



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Peaceful countryside

With the Preseli Mountains in the distance and views of the Plumstone Rock and Wolfscastle Rock across beautiful Welsh countryside, Pembrokeshire natural burial ground offers a peaceful place for a gentler and more natural way to 'hang up your boots'. The burial ground is located next to the village of Keeston, a five-minute drive to Haverfordwest and Newgale. Just a few miles to the spectacular Pembrokeshire coast.

At the burial ground, you have the freedom and time to create something special while enjoying the beautiful Pembrokeshire countryside many have grown to love. The land is sympathetically farmed to preserve the native wildlife and wildflowers. We're working to re-establish habitats such as the wild hedgerow, woodland and wetland, allowing the land not only to offer natural burial in beautiful, peaceful countryside, but also a nature-rich environment.

How it works

A natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. At Pembrokeshire 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.
- Complete an online application or download a pre-purchase 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.pembrokeshirenaturalburials.co.uk, or we are here in to answer your questions, so call us on - 01437 623128.

When planning a funeral

- Complete our online application form 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



Sarah Wickham

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Sarah is the landowner and Custodian at Pembrokeshire. She looks after the natural burial ground with a helping hand from her young son Jesse who is actively involved in and inquisitive about everything to do with the burial ground. In fact, it is his bug hotel that you may come across on the permissive walk at the meadow.

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

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

Make the day your own

The meadow gives you the freedom to be yourselves. Whether you are planning a simple burial 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.



“A sad occasion became
full of love and friendship”





More time and space

The open surroundings of the meadow gives you freedom to organise the day the way that you want it to be and space to tell stories, read poems, recount memories and raise a glass in informal surroundings. A place to be yourselves, by yourselves...



Flowers

Consider using flowers from your own 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 are welcome at the burial ground and offer companionship and comfort at a funeral.

We are able to offer natural burials for pets within a dedicated pets area of the burial ground. Alternatively, a pet's ashes may be included in its owner's grave at the time of interment.



Memorials

Slate memorial plaques are housed in the oak memorial frame, located within the meadow.

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

We also have a limited number of places where trees can be planted or dedicated in memory within the meadow.

David Matthew E
1962 - 2018

Patricia Ellen W
1932 - 2018

Edward George Str
1935 - 2018

Dr Colin William
1945 - 2018

June Goodwil
1936 - 2017

Robert Lloyd Jen
1961 - 2017

Alan Spencer B
1956 - 2014

Tony Gameste
1928 - 2015

Burial ground map

The **Meadow** is home to the wildflowers and tall grasses that grow in the summer. It has views of the Preseli mountains, the Plumbstone and Wolfscastle Rocks.

In the **Spinney** each plot includes a native tree. After a burial, we plant the tree in the dormant season. Families can join us for the occasion or we can plant a tree on their behalf.



The **Glade** is bordered by a bank of beautiful wildflowers and will become sheltered by the maturing Spinney.

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.





Pembrokeshire Natural Burial Meadow

Bridge Lane, Keeston, Haverfordwest, SA62 6EE
(not for correspondence)

[What3Words.com////tells.overdrive.normal](https://www.what3words.com////tells.overdrive.normal)
Google plus code [RXM4+43 Haverfordwest](#)
You can find us just off the A487 between
Haverfordwest and St Davids.

Contact us for a guided walk around the meadow
or for any further information.

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**Leedam**

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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)

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

2. The person who has died

Their full name			
Their address			
Their date of birth		Their date of death	
Your relationship to them?	<i>You are the deceased's...</i>		
The name of the deceased's: <input type="checkbox"/> next of kin <input type="checkbox"/> executor <input type="checkbox"/> representative <i>(tick relevant contact)</i>			
Their telephone number			
Their email address			

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

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

4. The grave				
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	09 -			
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			

5. The coffin, casket or shroud					
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

6. Extra ashes within the coffin/casket/grave			
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

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)			

8. Memorials

Grave markers and headstones are not permitted at the burial ground. Instead, memorial plaques are available or memorial trees can be planted to remember someone who is buried at the burial ground. If you would like to purchase memorial rights, please go to: www.leedam.com/locations/pembrokeshire/forms-and-prices/ to download the relevant form.

9. 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 find out about the Natural Burial Ground?

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Pembrokeshire

Funeral arrangement information

Burial ground details

Burial ground name:	Pembrokeshire Natural Burial Ground
Location:	Bridge Lane, Keeston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 6EE (not for correspondence) Google Maps link: g.page/pembrokeshirenaturalburials what3words.com/tells.overdrive.normal
Access:	Open year-round. The pedestrian gate to the meadow is not locked. The car park can be accessed by the entrance gates leading into the meadow. Grass paths are cut across the meadow. These may not be suitable for wheelchairs at certain times of the year so please make wheelchair users aware.
Description:	A natural burial meadow, with the greenest principles with the Preseli Mountains in the distance and open countryside views. Located close to the Pembrokeshire coastline, near to Haverfordwest, on the edge of the village of Keeston,
Ethos:	Keep things simple, natural and sustainable. Real, productive countryside preserved for future generations.
On-site facilities:	Car parking and large gathering area. The nearest WCs are at Pelcomb Service Station.
All are welcome:	People of all faiths and none. Locals, people who have moved away and those who simply choose to be here. The ground is not consecrated, but individual plots can be blessed. For Muslim burials, graves are orientated by Qibla compass.
Operator and owner:	Operator: Leedam Natural Heritage. Owner: Sarah Wickham.
Custodian:	Sarah Wickham Tel: 01437 623128 / 07780 764 715 Email: sarah.wickham@leedam.com

Procedures	
Prices and forms:	A price list and all forms are available on the website www.leedam.com/locations/pembrokeshire/forms-and-prices/
Provisional booking:	Call 01600 716438 to make a provisional funeral booking. After the death has been certified, let us know the requested date, name of the deceased, your own contact details and any other 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:	Complete the online application form: form.typeform.com/to/OwgselBS or download the Interment Form from the website: www.leedam.com/locations/pembrokeshire/forms-and-prices/ and complete the details as soon as possible and at least two days before the event. Email it to pembs@leedam.co.uk 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.
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.
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. Wooden name plates or a card label tied on with cotton/jute string with the deceased's name and dates. Further advice on Coffins, Shrouds and Urns can be found at: www.leedam.com/advice/coffins-shrouds-and-urns/ TIP - Use calico canvas instead of polythene Crem Film.
Useful contacts:	A list of useful contacts for funerals including funeral directors, officiants, florists, local venues and musicians can be found in the useful contacts section of our website: www.leedam.com/locations/pembrokeshire/useful-contacts/ If you would like us to add your details to our useful contacts please get in touch: pembs@leedam.co.uk

Choosing a plot

Custodian meeting:	<p>Arrange a family visit to the burial ground with the Custodian who will show you where the next available plot positions are.</p> <p>Liaise with us directly (01600 716438) using the mobile app What3Words.com to make sure the location is right.</p>
Named areas:	<p>The burial ground has 3 areas with different prices:</p> <p>Lower meadow offers the most affordable plots with views of the Preseli Mountains.</p> <p>Upper Meadow offers plots closer to our wildlife corner and the hay making meadow with views of the Preseli Mountains, Plumb Rock, Haverfordwest and our pond.</p> <p>The Spinney offers plots which include a native tree, planted the following bare root season. Over time this will create an area of new woodland.</p> <p>View the map via this link: www.leedam.com/locations/pembrokeshire/forms-and-prices</p>
Double plots:	<p>Plots are single depth. Double plots are arranged side by side in the meadow (not available in the Spinney).</p> <p>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.</p>
Coffin size:	<p>Please measure and include the true maximum external dimensions of the coffin on the Interment Form. If in doubt please call us.</p>
Grave digging:	<p>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 but the gravedigger will complete the work.</p>

On the day	
Arrival:	<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>Please ask family mourners with limited mobility to display a priority parking sign in the windscreen so we can help them park closest to the burial ground.</p> <p>TIP - Estate cars popular with families instead of the formal hearse.</p>
The service:	<p>Whether a simple graveside committal or a full, seated service in a marquee – the decision is yours. Picnics and wakes can be held at the burial ground following a funeral.</p>
Bring the dogs:	<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> <p>Sarah can help with the supply of a simple Battery Powered Bluetooth PA system. If required please arrange directly with Sarah.</p>
What to wear:	<p>Wellies/stout garden/hiking shoes; warm, windproof clothes.</p> <p>TIP - Bring folding chairs and blankets for the elderly.</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 backup webbing. The custodian or gravedigger will have a set in case you come without.</p>
Trestles:	<p>Trestles are available on request. Please arrange this with the custodian in advance so they are present on the day.</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TIP - Bring a basket of petals from the garden to scatter into the grave.</p>

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

Certificate:	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:	<p>The certificate of interment will include links to Google Maps, GPS coordinates and the What3Words address of the grave.</p> <p>The What3Words mobile app is an easy way to navigate to the grave. If there is ever concern, we can flag the spot.</p>
Memorial plaques:	<p>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 in the memorial panel.</p> <p>Memorial rights to display a plaque are granted for 25 years (renewable). The memorial can be ordered via the online application form - form.typeform.com/to/OwgselBS</p> <p>Or the printable version on our website - www.leedam.com/locations/pembrokeshire/forms-and-prices</p>
Memorial trees:	A small number of opportunities exist to plant memorial trees in the margins of the meadow. These include a Welsh slate plaque with a special dedication and image. Please discuss this with the custodian.
Plants and flowers:	In order to conserve the natural habitat and protect bereaved families nothing should be planted on the grave and no seeds should be scattered without consulting the custodian.

Further Information

Baby and 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, please speak to our custodian for more information. The full grave location details will be provided on the burial certificate and the grave can be marked for the first visit.
Planning ahead:	People making arrangements in advance can pre-purchase their right of burial at today's price.
Burial ground rules:	Outlined in full here: www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/
Burial contract:	Here is the burial contract for families to read before purchasing: www.leedam.com/burial-contract/
Maintenance:	The burial ground is maintained as grassland and wildflower hay meadow. It will be mown two or three times a year for hay and wildflower management.
Long term security:	The land has planning consent for use as a natural burial ground and the planning authority is unlikely to approve any application for change of use where burials exist. In addition to this, the burial ground operator has a 99 year lease on the land, which gives it a very high level of protection as no other development can take place on the land during the term of this lease. There is no real chance of the land being redeveloped at any time in the future. You can read more about this and the security of plots at: www.leedam.com/advice/future-security/
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