



# Cardiff & The Vale

Natural Burial Meadow

  
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## 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](http://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 large, leafy tree with a thick trunk and dense canopy of green and brown leaves stands in a lush green field. The background shows a clear blue sky and distant hills. The text is overlaid on the lower right portion 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. Twedde

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

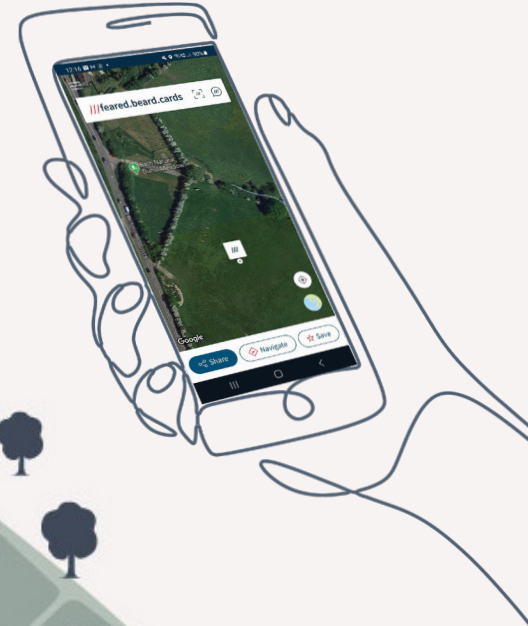
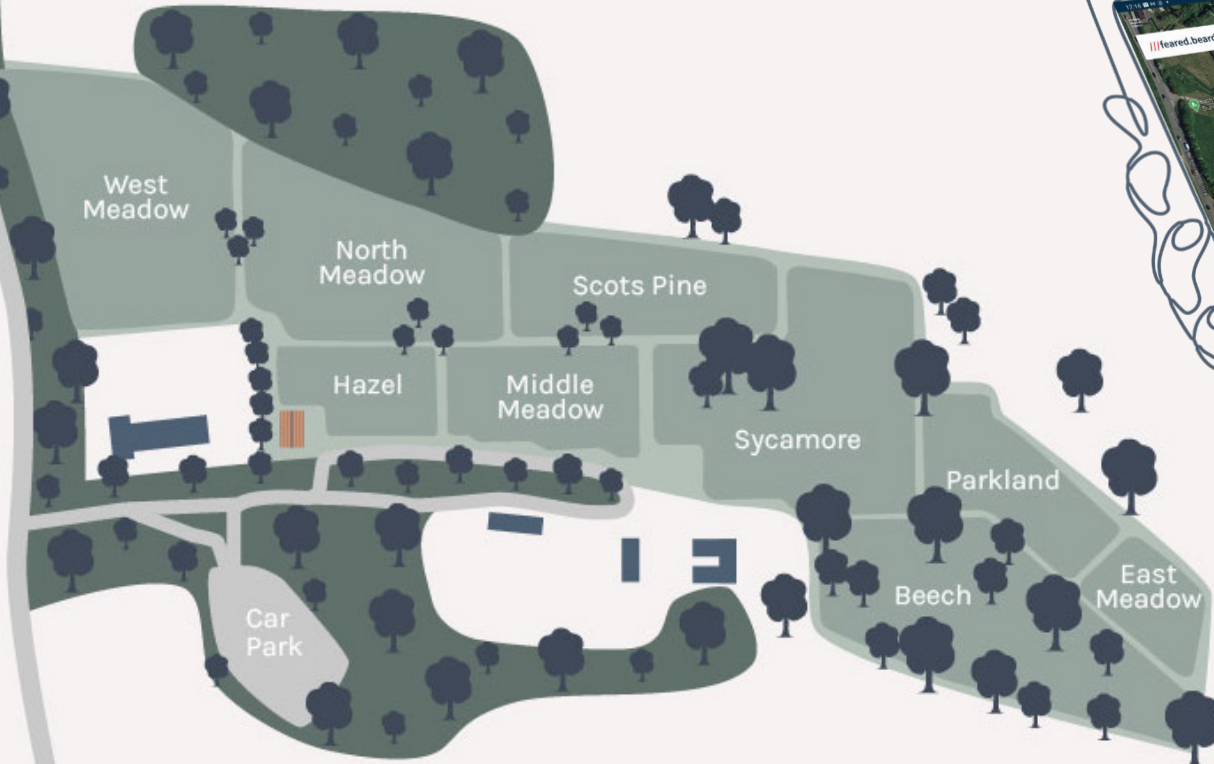
Elsie Rabjohns

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](http://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**

Annabelle Traherne  
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### **Office**

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**Leedam**

Leedam Natural Heritage is a trading name of  
Native Woodland Ltd, registered in Scotland  
Company No. SC240278

Interment form - Valid from 1 April 2026 - 31 March 2027

## 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			
The deceased's address			
Their date of birth		The date of death	
Your relationship to the deceased?	<i>You are the deceased's...</i>		
Who is the deceased's primary representative?			
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 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

## 5. 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	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

Extra ashes?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Human ashes <i>Human ashes require an additional registration fee.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet ashes <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. Optional items

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

## 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](http://www.leedam.co.uk/burial-contract)) and the Burial Ground Regulations ([www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/](http://www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/)) which apply.

Signature	
Full name	
Date	

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## Payment options

Item	Price	£
Burial Plot - Hazel	£1,000	
Burial Plot - Middle Meadow	£1,390	
Burial Plot - North Meadow	£910	
Burial Plot - West Meadow	£1,515	
Burial Plot - Scots Pine	£1,740	
Burial Plot - Sycamore	£1,930	
Burial Plot - Parkland	£4,500	
Ashes Plot - Hazel	£500	
Ashes Plot - Middle Meadow	£680	
Ashes Plot - North Meadow	£455	
Ashes Plot - West Meadow	£755	
Ashes Plot - Scots Pine	£870	
Ashes Plot - Sycamore	£955	
Ashes Plot - Beech	£1,185	
Ashes Plot - East Meadow	£1,185	
Ashes Plot - Parkland	£2,250	
Registration Fee	£255	
<b>Optional</b>		
Reserve the Adjacent Plot	<i>Please insert price:</i>	
Extra Ashes in Same Plot	£255	
Oak Plaque (25 years)	£360	
Blank Oak Plaque	£80	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	
Payable to Leedam Natural Burials, Account No: 47269136, Sort Code: 04-00-06		
<b>Grave digging</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>£</b>
Grave Digging for Ashes	£215	
Grave Digging for Burial	£610	
Payable to Traherne Farms Ltd., Account No: 97936332, Sort Code: 56-00-41		

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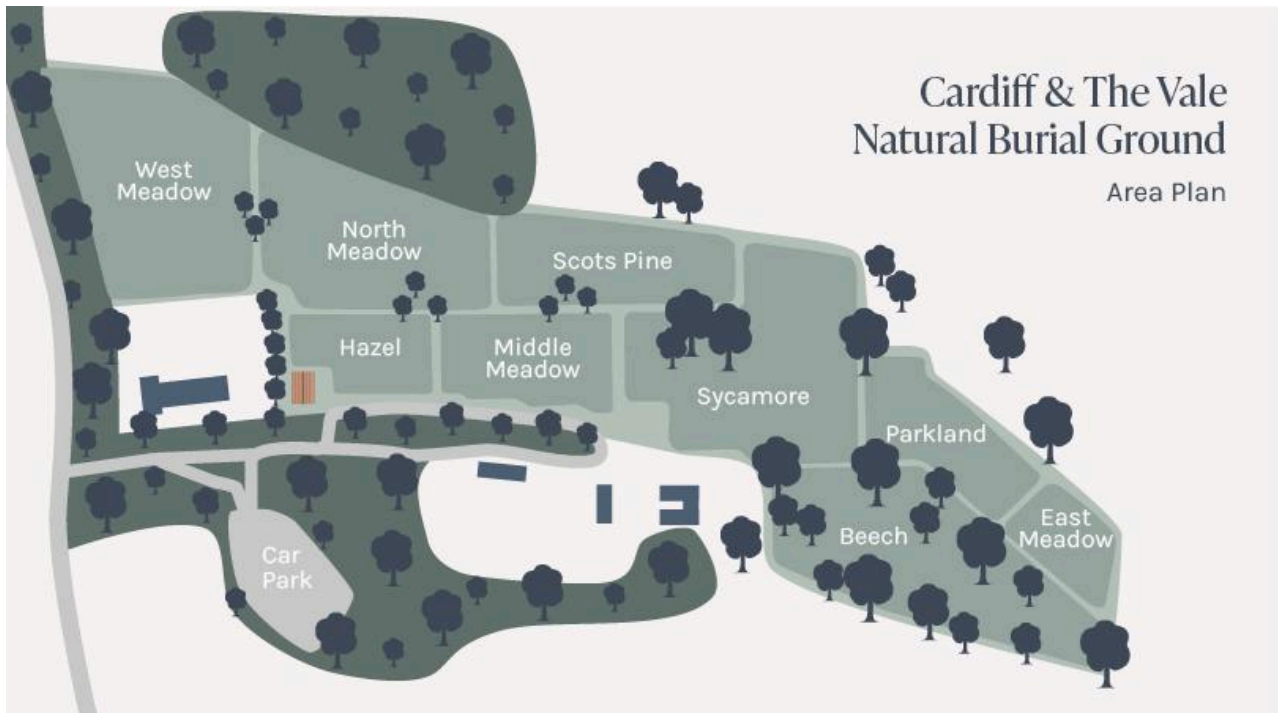
**Who will be responsible for payment?**

- 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](http://www.leedam.co.uk/privacy-policy)).



Burial Rights	Price
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Burial Plot - Sycamore	£1,930
Burial Plot - Parkland	£4,500
Registration Fee	£255

Optional Items	Price
Extra Ashes in Same Plot	£255
Oak Plaque (25 years)	£360
Blank Oak Plaque	£80
Standing Order Admin Fee*	£85

Ashes Rights	Price
Ashes Plot - Hazel	£500
Ashes Plot - Middle Meadow	£680
Ashes Plot - North Meadow	£455
Ashes Plot - West Meadow	£755
Ashes Plot - Scots Pine	£870
Ashes Plot - Sycamore	£955
Ashes Plot - Beech	£1,185
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### Contact details

Company name	Leedam Natural Heritage
Head office	Leedam Natural Heritage, Apex House, Office 16, Wonastow Industrial Estate East, Monmouth, NP25 5JB
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Website	<a href="http://www.cardiffnaturalburials.co.uk">www.cardiffnaturalburials.co.uk</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://facebook.com/cardiffnaturalburials">facebook.com/cardiffnaturalburials</a>

### Funeral arrangements

Burial ground name	Cardiff & The Vale Natural Burial Ground
Location	Coedarhydyglyn Park St Nicholas Cardiff CF5 6SG
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. Beautiful countryside preserved for future generations.
On-site facilities	Car parking and large memorial shelter. No rooms, chapels, toilets or mortuary facilities.
Operator and owner	Operator: Leedam Natural Heritage. Owner - Traherne Farms Ltd.
Custodian	Annabelle Traherne, tel: 07850091199

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## Procedures

Prices and forms	A price list and all forms are available on the website: <a href="http://www.leedam.com/locations/cardiff/forms-and-prices">www.leedam.com/locations/cardiff/forms-and-prices</a>
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 the date is available, then contact the gravedigger and custodian to make sure they are also available before confirming the booking.
Submit forms	Complete an online application form, or download a PDF from the website and at least three days before the event email it to <a href="mailto:cardiff@leedam.co.uk">cardiff@leedam.co.uk</a> with a scanned copy of the Coroner's Order of Burial or a Registrar's Certificate (or cremation certificate for an ashes interment).
Payments	We will send you invoices and payment is made by bank transfer. We required payment no less than two days before the event. The gravedigger is paid separately, and will also require payment before the event. We will send you a receipt and confirm that everything is OK.
Embalming	Embalming is not permitted. 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	The burial ground is divided into nine areas with different prices. Arrange a family visit to the burial ground with the Custodian (07850091199) to choose an area and be shown the next available plot.
Double plots	Plots are single depth. Double plots are arranged side by side. The second plot can be paid for in full or costs can be spread over 10 or 20 months by setting up a monthly <a href="#">standing order</a> (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 Forms. 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. Payment is made directly to the grave digger. We will send you a pro forma invoice with instructions before the funeral.
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. More info: <a href="http://www.leedam.com/advice/disabled-access">www.leedam.com/advice/disabled-access</a></p> <p><i>TIP - Estate cars are popular with families instead of the formal herease.</i></p>
Dogs and pets	Dogs offer comfort and companionship, especially at funerals. Dogs on leads are welcome at the burial meadow.
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. <i>TIP - Bring folding chairs, scarves, hats and blankets for the elderly.</i>
Carrying the coffin	The ground is uneven, so it is recommended to carry the coffin underarm rather than on shoulders, feet first. Set up trestles at regular resting points if the carry distance is long.
Webbing	Our gravedigger supplies sanitised webbing, so there is no need to bring your own.
Flowers	Seasonal flowers from the garden or produce from the veg patch are perfect. Please let florists know it is for a natural burial, so no plastic, Oasis foam or wire. 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. <i>TIP - Bring a basket of petals from the garden to scatter into the grave.</i>
Items in the grave	Additional ashes can be included in the grave, please include details on the application form. You can also include natural tributes e.g. wooden boat, sea shells; a sealed museum jar with significant pieces, or other inert objects.

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<b>After the funeral</b>	We will issue a certificate of interment, by email, with the precise grave location details. This will be in pdf format for sharing.
<b>Finding the grave</b>	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 any concern, we can flag the spot.
<b>Memorials</b>	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 <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Plants and trees</b>	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

<b>Baby &amp; infant funerals</b>	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. <a href="https://leedam.com/advice/childrens-funerals/">https://leedam.com/advice/childrens-funerals/</a>
<b>Direct burials</b>	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.
<b>Burial ground rules</b>	Outlined in full here - <a href="http://www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations">www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations</a>
<b>Maintenance</b>	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.
<b>Long term security</b>	The land has planning consent for use as a natural burial ground combined with agriculture. This gives it a high level of protection. There is no real chance of the land being redeveloped at any time in the future - read more here: <a href="http://www.leedam.com/future-security">www.leedam.com/future-security</a>

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