



# Henley-on-Thames

Woodland Burial Ground

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# A natural place of peace

Just outside Henley, in the quiet village of Rotherfield Greys, you'll discover our peaceful woodland burial ground, surrounded by trees, birdsong, and the gentle rhythms of the countryside.

It's a calm, natural place where you can step away from the busyness of life, breathe deeply in the open air, and feel close to the changing seasons as they unfold around you throughout the year.

For families, it offers the freedom to create a farewell that feels right, whether that's something simple and traditional, or something more personal, creative, and unique to the person being remembered.

For those laid to rest here, it is a gentle return to nature, a resting place that honours life's cycle and offers comfort in its simplicity.

# Planting a woodland together

Each burial contributes to the creation of a new native woodland. Since 2011, trees and shrubs have been planted across the site, following a plan that will one day become a rich and diverse woodland.

In the early years, young saplings take root and begin to grow. After 12 years, oak, cherry, hazel, and other species form a layered canopy. After 50 years, the woodland matures into a thriving ecosystem, alive with birdsong, wildflowers, and wildlife.

This is the lasting gift of natural burial, a landscape that grows and flourishes.





# Helpful information

- The ground can be uneven, so comfortable shoes are best.
- If standing for a long time is difficult, a folding chair can help.
- The weather is part of the experience, please come prepared for it.

If you'd like to know more, our office team is here to answer any questions, or you can visit our website for further details.

## Planning ahead

Come and spend some time in the woodland to see if it feels right for you.

We can send you an information pack, or you can download a form from our website.

If you wish, you can choose and secure a plot in advance. This can bring peace of mind, knowing everything is already in place. We can also offer flexible payment options.

## Planning a funeral

When the time comes, we'll ask you to share your wishes with us so we can guide you through each step.

You can make the arrangements yourself, or your funeral director can help, whichever feels easier.

Burials usually take place between 10am and 3pm. Weekend times are possible by special arrangement.

# Our Custodian



## Jonny Yaxley

Our custodian and grave digger, Jonny Yaxley carefully looks after the burial ground every day, ensuring it remains a peaceful, well-kept place for families and visitors throughout the year.

He will be there to welcome, guide and support you gently on the day of a funeral, helping to make the experience as calm and reassuring as possible.

If you would like a guided tour of the burial ground with Jonny, please get in touch and we can arrange a visit at a time that suits you.

Or, if you'd prefer the quiet of visiting on your own, simply ask us for the gate code and you'll be able to come whenever you wish, to walk among the trees in your own time.



A photograph of a young tree nursery. In the foreground and middle ground, numerous young saplings are planted in neat rows. Each sapling is protected by a vertical, light green plastic tube. The ground is covered in green grass and some small plants. In the background, there is a dense line of taller, mature trees, including several dark evergreens. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and natural.

## Time to reflect

Many families tell us they find comfort in returning to the woodland. It's a place where you can take a quiet walk, notice the seasons changing, and feel close to your loved one. You're always welcome here.



## Flowers

Natural and simple is best. Flowers from your own garden, a friend's garden, or local growers are perfect. Please avoid plastics, foam, or wire.

Petals scattered into the grave, or single stems placed gently, can also be a beautiful part of the ceremony.



## Pets

Dogs are always welcome, both at funerals, where they can be a great comfort, and on gentle walks among the trees.

If you choose, your pet's ashes may also be placed in their owner's grave at the time of burial.



# Memorials

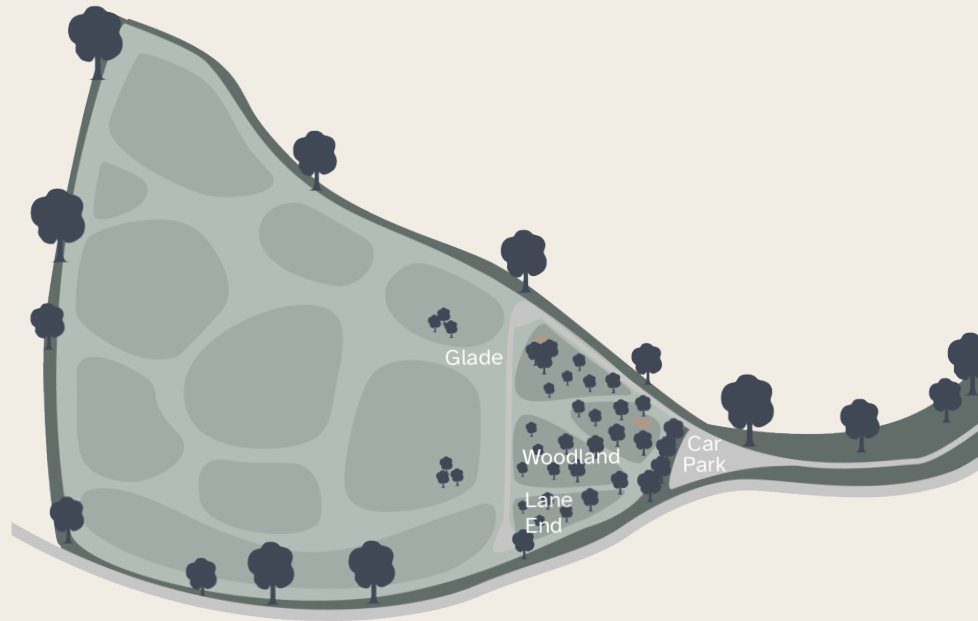
It's important to commemorate the names of those who have passed and when they lived. Unlike a conventional cemetery, there will not be rows of memorial stones, vases of flowers or mementos placed on each grave.

Names are remembered on slate plaques displayed on oak and chestnut panels in the woodland. Each plaque shows the name, year of birth, and year of death, a simple, natural way to honour a life.

# Burial ground map

The burial ground is divided into 3 areas: Lane End, Woodland and Glade.

In the Woodland and Lane End areas, growing tree roots and canopies mean new graves cannot be placed beside older ones. The Glade will remain an open space within the woodland and the only area where side-by-side plot reservations are possible.



## Finding the spot

To keep the woodland natural, graves are unmarked. But every resting place is carefully mapped and recorded, so you will always know the exact spot.

We can provide directions in whichever way works best for you; What3Words location, Latitude and Longitude, Google Maps link, or if technology isn't useful for you, we'll happily walk with you to the spot ourselves.



# Interested in learning more?

If you have any questions or would like to discuss purchasing natural burial rights, please get in touch with a member of our team who will be happy to help.

 01491 902 419

 [henley@leedam.co.uk](mailto:henley@leedam.co.uk)

## Arrange a visit

To arrange a visit, please call us on:  
01491 902 419

## Location

### Henley-on-Thames Woodland Burial Ground

Greys Road, Rotherfield Greys,  
Henley-on-Thames,  
RG9 4PN

## Finding us

Find us just outside Rotherfield Greys village. Pass The Malsters Arms (on your right), and you'll see the entrance to the natural burial ground also on the right.

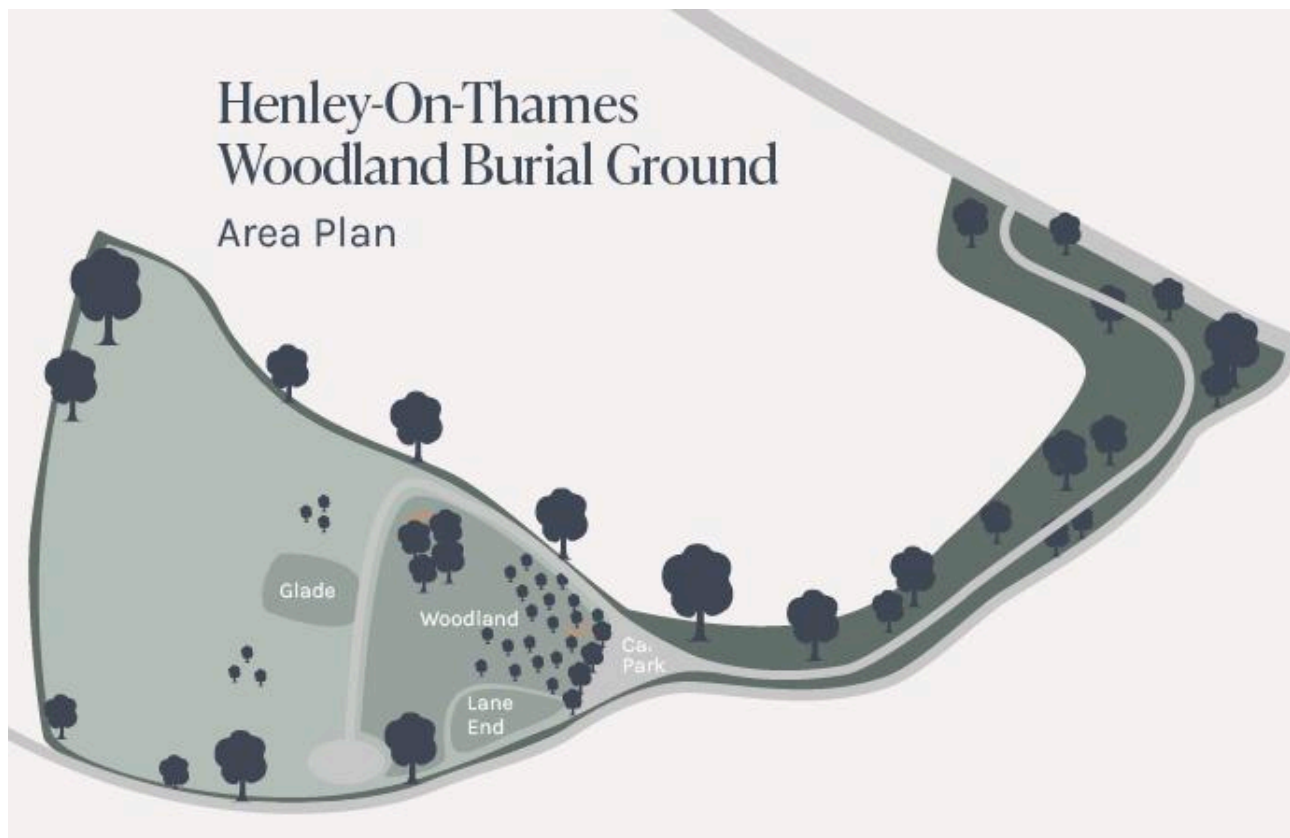
Contact us for the padlock code to access the car park.

Search 'Henley natural burials' or scan the QR code with your mobile phone.



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Interments	Price
Burial Plot - Lane End	£1,300
Burial Plot - Woodland	£2,070
Burial Plot - Glade	£3,000
Ashes Plot - Lane End	£805
Ashes Plot - Woodland	£1,040
Ashes Plot - Glade	£1,500
Registration Fee	£255

Grave digging	Price
Grave Digging	£555
Grave Digging Saturday	£825
Grave Digging Ashes	£170
Grave Digging Ashes Saturday	£260

Optional	Price
Extra Ashes in Same Plot	£255
Memorial Plaque	£360
Standing Order Admin Fee	£85
Weekend Custodian Fee	£85

Pre-purchase 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. 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](mailto:henley@leedam.co.uk) or by post to: Leedam Natural Burials, Apex House, Office 16, Wonastow Industrial Estate East, Monmouth, NP25 5JB | 01600 716 438

#### 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](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		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 - Glade	£1,500	
Ashes Plot - Lane End	£805	
Ashes Plot - Woodland	£1,040	
Burial Plot - Glade	£3,000	
Burial Plot - Lane End	£1,300	
Burial Plot - Woodland	£2,070	
<b>Optional</b>		
Standing Order Admin Fee	£85	
	TOTAL:	
Payable to Leedam Natural Burials, Account No: 47269136, Sort Code: 04-00-06		

\*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 Burials a/c 47269136, s/c 04-00-06, quoting ref: **HeTh + your 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](http://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.