



# Aylesbury Vale

Natural Burial Meadow

Leedam





# Peaceful and Beautiful

The meadow at Aylesbury is rich in natural beauty. A special place to spend time listening to the skylark's song amid the expansive skies and sweeping vales, taking in the fine views of the Chiltern Hills and beyond.

As you enter, we have a beautiful pond to offer encouragement to wildlife and wildflowers. This calming corner is also home to our memorial panel, with slate plaques that commemorate those buried in the meadow.

Burials at Aylesbury Vale are simple, using only natural materials and leaving the lightest of footprints in the picturesque Buckinghamshire countryside.

Ashes can also be laid to rest at the meadow, nestled among vibrant wildflowers and grasses, local wildlife and grazing sheep.

# In memory of Dorothy Brock

This meadow celebrates the vision of Dorothy Brock, whose family has farmed the land for five generations. Dorothy chose to rest here in the landscape she loved and opened Aylesbury Vale to share that possibility with others. The burial meadow is now owned and managed by Dorothy's daughter, Sally Whitworth.



# Our custodian



## **Sally Whitworth**

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Our custodian at Aylesbury Vale is Sally Whitworth. Sally and her husband Craig are actively involved in farming the land, sowing wildflowers and planting trees. They and Sally's cousin Howard jointly look after the burial ground, and will be there to meet families and friends to help with parking and questions on the day of a funeral.

Please contact Sally if you would like to arrange a visit or learn more about having a natural burial at Aylesbury. If you prefer to explore the meadow independently, please feel free to visit at any time and have a look around.

# 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 - preserving its authentic, agricultural character.

## In advance

- Visit Aylesbury Vale Natural Burial Meadow and spend time there getting a feel for whether it's right for you.
- Apply online or download an application form from our website, or phone us and we can send you an information pack via post.
- Pre-purchase at today's rate. Options available to pay by standing order.

## Practicalities

We recommend sturdy footwear for walking in the Meadow. A foldable chair is a good idea for those who find it difficult to stand and please dress appropriately for the weather. We also have composting toilet facilities on site in the car park.

There is extensive information about natural burials on our website [www.aylesburynaturalburials.co.uk](http://www.aylesburynaturalburials.co.uk) and we are here in the Leedam office to answer your questions - 01600 716438.

## When planning a funeral

- Complete an application form to let us know your plans for the day so that we can help you deliver your wishes.
- Make the arrangements yourself or ask your funeral director to do this for you.
- Book the date and time with us. Burials can take place at anytime during the day on weekdays and even on Saturdays by arrangement.



# Simple, natural and beautiful

The concept behind natural burial is one of giving back to nature. The body is returned to the earth in a biodegradable coffin, wearing only natural materials, without toxic preservative treatment and at a shallower depth, to encourage transformation by nature in the living layer of the soil.





## 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.

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.



## Flowers

Consider using flowers from your garden, or a friend's, or fresh 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. We know that they help relieve anxiety and stress. They help children who are grieving and dealing with all the emotions that are bought up at funerals.

Dogs on leads are welcome at the burial meadow.



# Memorials

Slate memorial plaques engraved with names and dates commemorate people buried in the meadow.

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

We also offer a limited number of places where trees can be planted or dedicated to someone's memory within Aylesbury Vale.

# Finding the spot

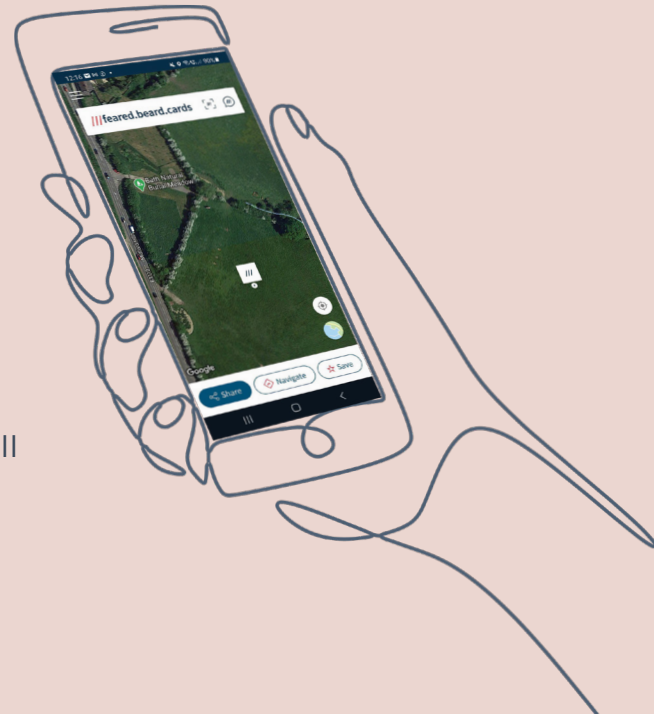
To preserve the natural landscape, graves do not feature headstones, grave-markers or surrounds; instead, they are carefully mapped and their locations are recorded and shared with you so that you'll know where to visit.

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 mark the grave for you.

You'll be able to return to the spot at any time and you will have helped preserve a much loved landscape for future generations to enjoy.





### **Aylesbury Vale Natural Burial Meadow**

Stockwell Lane, Aylesbury, HP17 9UG

*(not for correspondence)*

Google Maps Plus Code: [Q43R+R7 Aylesbury](#)

What3Words: [///knee.rooster.modifies](#)

Find us on Stockwell Lane, one mile along from Meadle and just past Orchard View Farm Shop and Cafe. Look out for signs on the left side of the road when heading away from Meadle towards Ford. Use the What3Words for precise entrance location.

### **Custodian**

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Price List - Valid from 1 April 2026 - 31 March 2027



Aylesbury Vale Area Plan

Burial Ground Prices	Price
Registration fee	£255
Burial Plot - Owlswick End	£1,065
Burial Plot - Meadow	£1,415
Ashes Plot - Owlswick End	£485
Ashes Plot - Meadow	£775

Optional	Price
Extra human ashes in same plot	£255
Memorial plaque - 25 year term	£360
Tree-for-life in the copse/pond area	£645
Standing order admin fee*	£85

Grave Digging Prices	Price
Grave digging	£650
Grave digging for ashes	£192
Grave digging for ashes Saturday	£300

## 1. Who is filling this form in?

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

## 2. Who is the application for?

Their full name (☐ as above)			
Their address (☐ as above)			
Their date of birth		Relationship <i>You are their...</i>	
Selected rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashes	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial	
Selected area	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow	<input type="checkbox"/> Owlswick End	

## 3. Do you want to apply for a second person?

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

## 4. Payment options

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

### Fee summary - Leedam

Item	Cost	Quantity	
Burial in Meadow	£1415		
Burial in Owlswick End	£1065		
Ashes in Meadow	£775		
Ashes in Owlswick End	£485		
Standing Order Fee*	£85		
<b>Total price:</b>			
<p><i>Payable to: Leedam Natural Burials, Account No: 47269136, Sort Code: 04-00-06</i>  <i>Call us (01600716438) if you are unable to pay by bank transfer, and we will share a card payment link.</i></p>			

\*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: AyVa+Yourname.

## 5. 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			

### Updates and how we use your personal data

**Marketing preferences** (you can withdraw consent at any time):  Email  Post  Phone

Your personal data will be used to confirm your purchase, register your rights, and share relevant details with our site custodian. We may also use it for anonymised statistical analysis. We will not share your data with third parties. View our privacy policy at [leedam.com/privacy-policy](http://leedam.com/privacy-policy). Please note that burial law requires us to maintain a public register recording the date of burial, full name, age, address and grave number of the deceased.

## Terms & Conditions

### Your Rights of Burial

Your Selected Rights of Burial give you the right to have remains interred in your chosen area of the burial ground. They do not confer land ownership, cannot be sold or transferred without our written consent, and remain personal to you. Rights must be exercised within 50 years of purchase.

### Payment and Certificate

Your Certificate will be issued once payment is received in full. Full payment is required at least two working days before the funeral date. The Certificate (and any duplicates) must be surrendered to us before burial can take place.

### Cancellation and Refunds

Refunds are available for five years from the date of full payment, as follows: Within 14 days: full refund | 15 days to 3 months: 90% refund | 3 months to 1 year: 75% refund | 1 year to 5 years: 50% refund. No refund is available after five years, or after the death of the Nominee. To cancel, notify us in writing and return the Certificate.

### Transfers

Rights may be transferred to a new Nominee before burial, subject to our written consent and a fee of £200 per right. The original purchase date is retained for any future refund calculation.

### Conditions of Burial

Only biodegradable coffins, urns or shrouds from sustainable sources may be used. Embalmed remains cannot be interred. We must receive at least three clear working days' notice before interment, along with the completed Interment Form, Certificate, and all relevant fees. No memorials, markers or plantings are permitted unless specifically agreed by us.

### Site Management

The burial ground is managed primarily for wildlife and agriculture. We retain sole discretion over planting, landscaping and maintenance. Only the Nominated Grave Digger may excavate graves. Grave excavation costs are not included in the purchase price.

### Availability

In the event that ground conditions or other circumstances make your selected area unavailable, we will offer reasonable alternatives. If alternatives are not accepted, a full refund will be issued within 28 days.

### Your Responsibilities

You and your Representatives are responsible for complying with all relevant legislation and our reasonable site instructions, and for the conduct of all persons attending the burial ground with your consent.

Full terms and conditions can be viewed at: [www.leedam.com/burial-contract](http://www.leedam.com/burial-contract)