



Bath

Natural Burial Meadow

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An idyllic meadow

Bath Natural Burial Meadow sits in the heart of the countryside, just four miles from the city of Bath within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Jock Cross (1918–2002) loved this land in the beautiful Midford valley. It was owned by his aunt, Ivy Cross. From the age of 14 and for the rest of his working life, Jock farmed the land. He and his wife Janet (1935–2023), who was a nurse, raised their four daughters on the farm.

Bath Natural Burial Meadow is the result of Janet's vision for a sustainable alternative to cemeteries. It's where burials return goodness to the earth, sheep graze the field keeping it rich in wildflowers, and we have an opportunity to minimise our impact on the environment at the end of our lives.

Today family members still live here and continue to care for the farmland which is rich in a wonderful diversity of wild plants, animals, and birds.

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.bathnaturalburials.co.uk and we are here in the Leedam Natural Heritage 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-3pm and at weekends by special arrangement.



Our custodian



Sally Cook

Bath Number: 01225 683128

Monmouth Office: 01600 716438

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Our custodian at Bath is Sally Cook. Sally grew up on the farm with her sisters and continues to live here today alongside several other family members.

On the day of a funeral Sally is there to welcome and look after you.

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





More time and space

The burial ground gives you freedom to remember the people you love in a way that feels personal. Whether you want a traditional funeral, or something a little different, we can inspire, support and guide you to help organise the day.

When visiting, 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 scenic view of rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. The landscape is lush and green, with various trees and fields. In the distance, a small town or village is visible on a hillside. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

“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.



Flowers

In natural surroundings flower arrangements should not include any wire, plastics or oasis.

Perhaps consider using produce from the veg patch or a hand-tied bouquet from a florist who sources locally. You may like to scatter single stems or petals into the grave as a tribute.



Pets

Dogs offer comfort and companionship, especially at funerals. Dogs on leads are welcome at the burial meadow.

Memorial frame

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

The plaques are housed in this hand built chestnut memorial frame located within the corner of the meadow nearest the entrance.

The wooden frame includes a bench on each side, offering a quiet place to rest a while and take in the surroundings.

David Matthew Ba
1962 - 2018

Patricia Ellen Wo
1932 - 2018

Edward George Stre
1935 - 2018

Dr Colin William V
1945 - 2018

June Goodwill
1936 - 2017

Robert Lloyd Jenne

Finding the spot

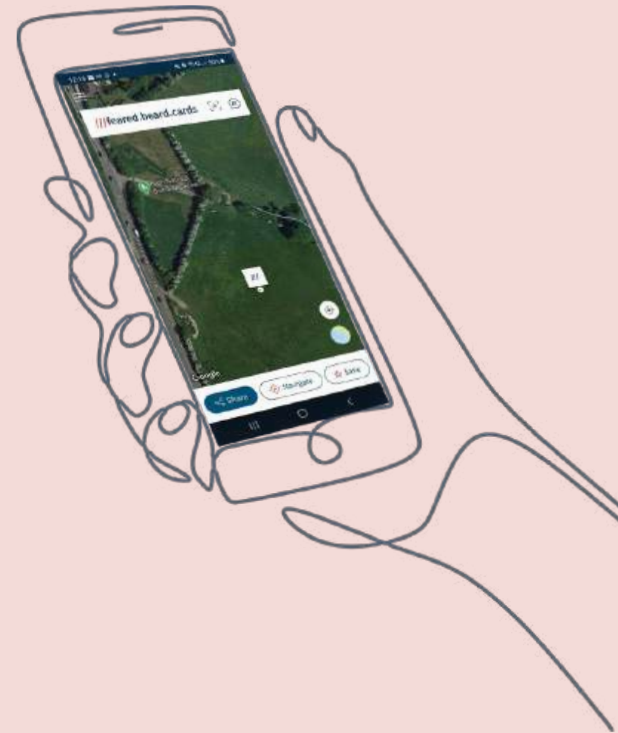
To preserve the natural landscape, graves do not feature headstones, grave-markers or surrounds; instead, they are carefully mapped and their locations are recorded and shared with you so that you'll know where to visit.

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.





Bath Natural Burial Meadow

Midford Hill, Midford, Bath, BA2 7DE

(not for correspondence)

The meadow is on the B3110, look out for the large entrance signs.

What3Words.com [///cards.rail.forced](https://www.what3words.com/cards.rail.forced)

Contact us for the code to access the burial meadow car park.

Custodian

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

1. Who is filling this form in?

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

2. 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			
<input type="checkbox"/> Their email address			

3. Funeral director - 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 07 -	

Next to an existing grave?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes, next to whom?	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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?						
What shape is it?						
<i>Please note - NO PLASTIC LININGS or polyester trimmings must be used. Line with canvas or paper.</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/> 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	
For extra human ashes, please provide their:	Name		<i>Human ashes require an additional registration fee.</i>	
	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			
<input type="checkbox"/> A Welsh slate memorial plaque mounted in the memorial frame for 25 years (renewable)			
Name to go on plaque <i>(Max 28 letters and spaces)</i>			
Year of birth		Year of death	

9. Fee summary - Leedam			
Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Registration fee	£255	1	£255
Burial in Meadow	£1540		
Burial in Southeastern area	£855		
Ashes in Meadow	£790		
Ashes in Southeastern area	£435		
Extra human ashes in plot	£255		

Memorial plaque	£432 (inc VAT)		
Weekend custodian fee	£85		
Total price:			
<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>			

10. Fee summary - Grave digging		
Item	Cost	Total
Burial - Weekdays	£555	
Burial - Saturday	£675	
<p><i>Burial grave digging is payable to: Stan Harris, Account No: 45860473, Sort Code: 09-01-26</i></p>		
Ashes - Weekdays	£185	
Ashes - Saturday	£270	
<p><i>Ashes grave digging is payable to: S Cook, Account No: 15707059, Sort Code: 56-00-34</i></p>		

Who will be responsible for payment?

- Applicant
- Funeral Director
- Other (please provide name & address)

11. Applicant's signature and declaration			
<p>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.</p>			
Signature		Date	
Full name			

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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.

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 Summary

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

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Natural burial ground

Contact details

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Funeral arrangements

Burial ground name	Bath Natural Burial Ground
Location	Bath natural burial meadow Midford Hill Bath BA2 7DE what3words ///cards.rail.forced
Access	Open year-round. The pedestrian gate into the meadow is not locked. The car park is kept locked - please call the office 01600 716438 for the code. Please let wheelchair users know that there are no paths across the grass.
Description	Rolling agricultural land, flower-rich limestone grassland, deep valleys and woodland, typical of the southern end of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
Ethos	Keep things simple, natural and sustainable. Beautiful countryside preserved for future generations.
On-site facilities	No rooms, chapels, toilets or mortuary facilities. Simply, car parking, log seats and a solid chestnut memorial frame.
Operator and owner	Operator: Leedam Natural Heritage. Owner: Sally Cook.
Custodian	Sally Cook. Tel: 07749 923645

Procedures

Prices and forms	A price list and all forms are available on the website: www.leedam.com/locations/bath/forms-and-prices
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 bath@leedam.co.uk 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 two areas with different prices: Meadow and Southeastern area. Arrange a family visit to the burial ground with the Custodian (07749 923645) 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 standing order (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>

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: www.leedam.com/advice/disabled-access <i>TIP - Estate cars are popular with families instead of the formal hearse.</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.

After the funeral	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	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.
Memorials	Slate plaques inscribed with the names and dates are mounted between the upright timbers of the timber memorial panel. Memorial rights are granted for 25 years (renewable). Tree planting is available in the copse area next to the car park if families would like to plant a tree in memory of someone buried at the burial ground. View all forms on our website - leedam.com/locations/bath/forms-and-prices/
Plants and trees	To conserve the landscape and the natural habitat, no trees are planted on graves. The old orchard was restored several years ago when heritage varieties of apple trees were planted 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

Baby & infant funerals	England has a scheme in place, which we support, whereby no fees should be charged for the burial of a child or person under the age of 18 (but over the age of 24 weeks). Details: https://leedam.com/advice/childrens-funerals/
Direct burials	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.
Burial ground rules	Outlined in full here - www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations
Maintenance	The burial ground is maintained as agricultural grassland. it will be mown periodically and paths will be cut. Sheep may be brought in to graze the land and when they do, be careful where you tread.
Long term security	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: www.leedam.com/future-security

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