



Henley-on-Thames

Woodland Burial Ground

Leedam





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, rows of young saplings are planted in a grassy field. Each sapling is protected by a vertical, light green plastic tube. The background features a dense line of mature trees, including several tall 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

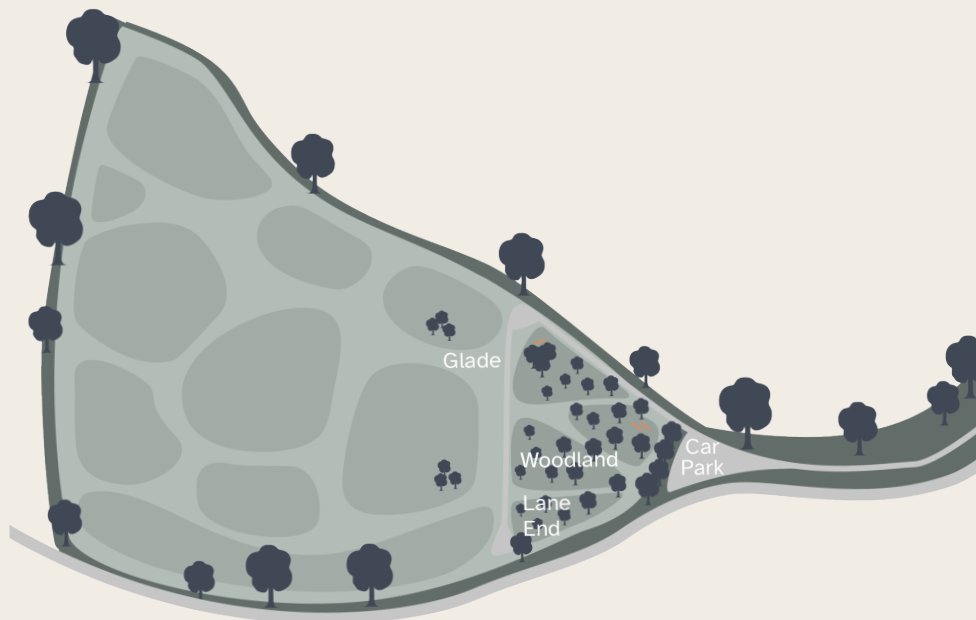
It's important to commemorate the names of those who have passed and when they lived. Unlike a conventional cemetery, there will not be rows of memorial stones, vases of flowers or mementos placed on each grave.

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.

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 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.

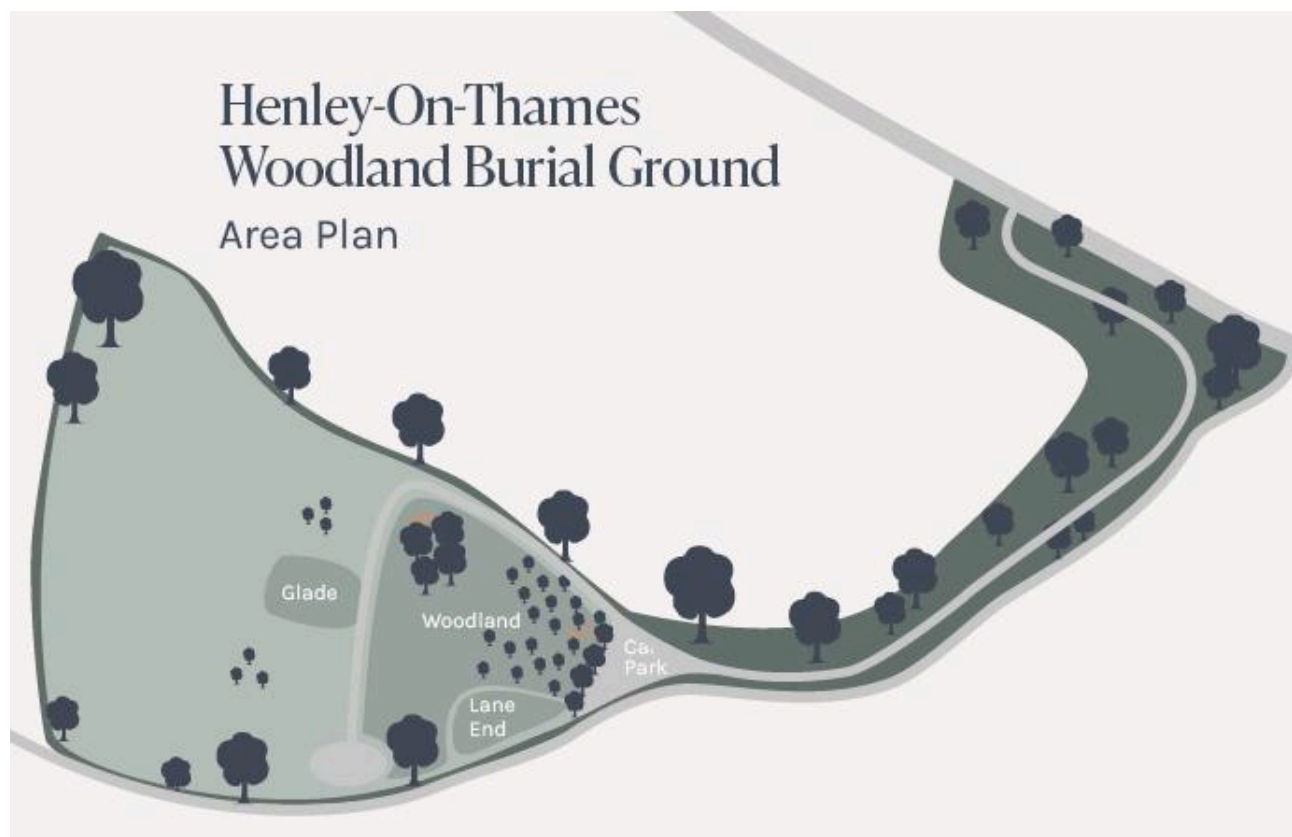
Contact us for the padlock code to access the car park.

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

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			
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"/> 06 -			
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			

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>						
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 <i>Human ashes require an additional registration fee.</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

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 - Woodland	£2070		
Burial - Lane End	£1300		
Burial - Glade	£3000		
Ashes - Woodland	£1040		
Ashes - Lane End	£805		

Ashes - Glade	£1500		
Extra human ashes in plot	£255		
Memorial plaque	£360		
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	£825	
Ashes - Weekdays	£170	
Ashes - Saturday	£260	
<p><i>Burial grave digging is payable to: Azalea Landscapes, Account No: 83158349, Sort Code: 20-65-20</i></p>		

Who will be responsible for payment?

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

11. 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			

Valid from 1 April 2026- 31 March 2027

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

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