



# Usk Castle Chase

Natural burial ground

  
Leedam





# A beautiful view over familiar places

An elevated meadow, surrounded by mature trees on three sides, which frame scenic horizons across the town and the Usk valley towards Twmbarlwm in the west and Wentwood to the south.

The rustic peace and beauty here change with each passing season. Visit the burial ground at any time of year to connect with nature, sense the elements, and feel replenished and revitalised. Find space to reflect on life, love, and loss.

The meadow offers freedom and privacy – a space that's yours when you need it. It's a calm and timeless place to be still, away from the hurry and noise of the modern world.

# How it works

A natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. At Usk Natural Burial Ground, you can purchase rights for burial or ashes interment...

## In advance

- Visit the burial meadow and spend time there getting to know it and deciding whether it's right for you.
- Complete an online application on our website, or phone us and we'll talk you through the process or send you forms.
- Pre-purchase at today's rate, with the option to pay by standing order.

## Further Information

There is extensive information about natural burials on our website and we are here in the Leedam office to answer your questions.

Visit: [leedam.com/advice](http://leedam.com/advice) | Email: [usk@leedam.co.uk](mailto:usk@leedam.co.uk) | Call: 01600 716438

## When planning a funeral

- Complete our online application 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 on weekdays or Saturdays by arrangement.

# Visiting the meadow

## 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.

The Bothy is located on site at the natural burial ground, it is available for hire after ceremony tea and coffee. There are toilets available within The Bothy.

## Arrange a meeting

If you would like to arrange a visit to have a look around the burial ground and learn more about natural burial, please contact our office (01600 716 438) and we will arrange for our custodian to meet you.

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 Usk is an open meadow, surrounded by mature trees framing scenic views across the Usk Valley.

The burial ground 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 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.



## Coffins & Caskets

Coffins and caskets should be made from and lined with natural, biodegradable materials.

Nothing harmful goes into the ground. No plastics, MDF or chipboard should be used.



## 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 roof of the memorial shelter, located below the top ridge of the meadow by the Sedge Bank area.

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. Tweddle

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

# Burial ground map

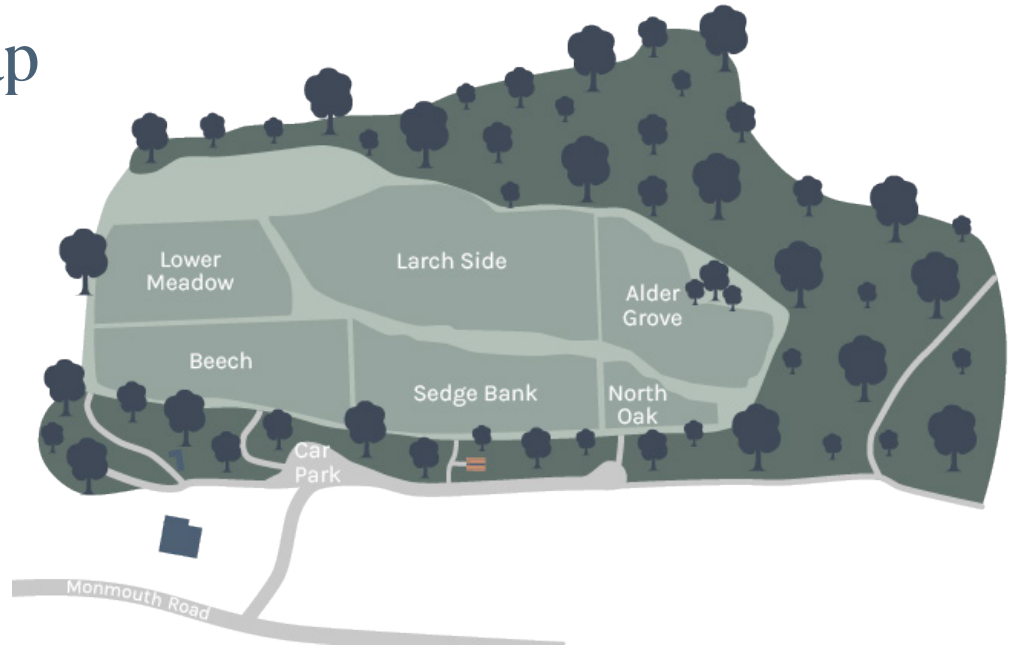
The burial ground is divided into six natural areas: North Oak, Sedge Bank, Beech, Lower Meadow, Larch Side, and Alder Grove. Each offers something a little different, from open meadows to peaceful woodland edges, with varying views, features, and levels of seclusion.

We invite you to visit, walk the land, and take time to discover the area that feels right for you or your family.

## 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.





### **Usk Castle Chase Natural Burial Ground**

Monmouth Road, Usk, Monmouthshire, NP15 1QY  
*(not for correspondence)*

What3Words: [///flattered.mandolin.decoded](#)

Find us on the Monmouth Road between Usk and Raglan. A mile from Usk town centre, look for the 'Natural Burial Ground' signs on the left. The car park is through 2 sets of gates up the hill, the memorial shelter is up the track to the right.

### **Office**

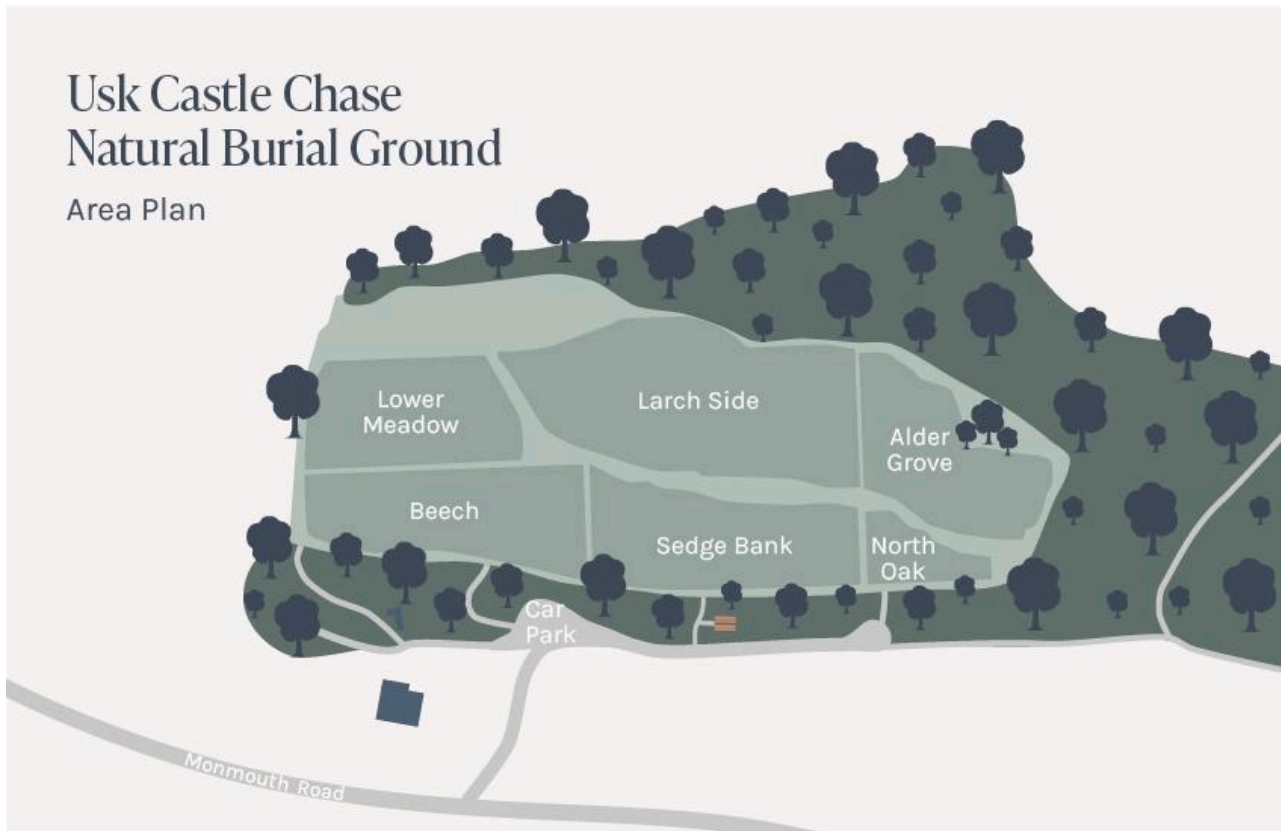
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Burial Options	Price
Burial Plot - Alder Grove	£1,335
Burial Plot - Beech	£2,635
Burial Plot - Larch Side	£1,030
Burial Plot - Lower Meadow	£905
Burial Plot - North Oak	£1,710
Burial Plot - Sedge Bank	£2,055
Registration Fee	£255

Optional items	Price
Extra Ashes In Same Plot	£255
Memorial Plaque	£360
Standing Order Admin Fee*	£85

Ashes Options	Price
Ashes Plot - Alder Grove	£670
Ashes Plot - Beech	£1,310
Ashes Plot - Larch Side	£515
Ashes Plot - Lower Meadow	£455
Ashes Plot - North Oak	£855
Ashes Plot - Sedge Bank	£1,030
Registration Fee	£255

Grave digging charges	Price
Grave Digging	£555
Grave Digging Ashes	£185
Grave Digging Ashes Weekends	£270
Grave Digging Weekends	£805

Pre-purchase 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 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	

## 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	

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#### 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 - Alder Grove	£1335		
Burial - Beech	£2635		
Burial - Larch Side	£1030		
Burial - Lower Meadow	£905		
Burial - North Oak	£1710		
Burial - Sedge Bank	£2055		
Ashes - Alder Grove	£670		
Ashes - Beech	£1310		
Ashes - Larch Side	£515		
Ashes - Lower Meadow	£455		
Ashes - North Oak	£855		
Ashes - Sedge Bank	£1030		
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: UsCa+Yourname.

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## 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 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](http://www.leedam.com/burial-contract)