



HAM DOWN WOODLAND BURIAL GROUND

COST OF BURIAL

Interment Plot £600

This includes:

- The Grant of Right of Burial of a body or ashes in a plot allocated by the Grantor.
- A tree (with guard and stake) chosen from the given list of indigenous trees.
- Allowance for the replacement of any dead tree within the first five years.

The cost of a plot alongside an existing grave is £400.

Spouse's ashes may subsequently be interred along with the ashes of the deceased without further charge for the plot.

An approved wooden plaque with the name of the deceased and their lifespan can be ordered (see separate sheet).

All details concerning the positions of the graves and the names of the deceased will be carefully noted in a record book together with the names of those whose ashes have been scattered.

There will be marker posts on the site so relatives will be able to locate the plot of their loved one. All this information will be given on the appropriate form to the relatives of the deceased.

The cost of the interment is a separate item and if undertakers are involved will be dealt with by them. Otherwise, we can provide the contact details of a grave-digger and further information on bio-degradable coffins.



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Conditions

Biodegradable coffins or urns or other approved material must be used.

The owner of the land undertakes to select the plot, maintain the burial ground, supply and plant the chosen tree and to record the position of the grave. (See details of plaque on separate form).

No plastic flowers, pots or ornaments will be allowed, although wild flowers or bulbs may be planted only on the grave. All dead flowers will be removed from the graves, but if undertaken by relatives they should be placed in the container situated in the top corner of the burial ground.

There is a small car park alongside the Burial Ground which will hold up to six cars. Extra parking is available at Bere Marsh Farm. It is hoped that an estate car will be used to carry coffins rather than a hearse. Funerals can take place between the hours of 10am and 4pm on a weekday and 10am to 12 noon on a Saturday. None will be allowed on Sundays.

No exhumation can take place at any time, except under the directions of a court order.

I agree with the above conditions and undertake to abide by them.

Signed: Date:

Next of kin / Close relative of the deceased (please circle the appropriate option)

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Name of Deceased: Date of Burial:

Bere Marsh Farm is the owner and provider of the site and responsible for the care and maintenance.



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The Woodland Burial Ground at Bere Marsh Farm, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset has been open since May 2000.

The main stipulations for burial are as follows:

1. The grave must be in the allotted plot and must be dug to a depth of 4 feet 6 inches.
2. Biodegradable coffins must be used or other approved types.
3. Ashes can also be accepted for burial, if in an urn it must be biodegradable.
4. The owners of the land will undertake to maintain the plot, plant the chosen tree on the grave, replace dead trees within the first five years, provide a deed of "Right of Burial", provide a plan of the Burial Ground and give the relatives permanent access to the site.
5. No plastic flowers will be permitted or any permanent memorial allowed on the graves except for the plaque provided by the owners, but bulbs or wild flowers may be planted if so wished (only on the grave).
6. There is a small car park alongside the site which holds up to six cars, including the vehicle carrying the coffin. This should ideally be an estate car or similar vehicle. There is additional car parking at the farm before reaching the site. Please do not park near the house at the end of the road which is unconnected with the farm.
7. It is regretted that plots cannot be booked in advance, but it is anticipated that full capacity will not take place for many years so an indication of a wish to be buried here should prove adequate.
8. The site will always remain a Woodland Burial Ground with future access assured. Long term, it may be necessary to thin some of the trees as the woodland reaches maturity. The situation of the graves will always be recorded.



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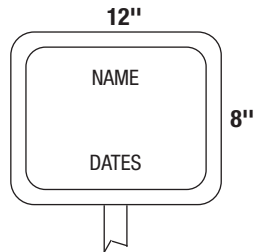
Plaques

A diagram of the approved plaque is illustrated below. The name and lifespan of the deceased will be engraved on wood, no other wording is permitted. If required, please indicate details.

We undertake to provide it within three weeks of the order. The cost is £65. Please send your cheque with the order made payable to Bere Marsh Farm, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0QY.

Plaque Details

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Trees

A choice from the following indigenous trees may be made to plant on the grave, which will be done at the appropriate time of year. The tree will be staked and guarded and replaced if it should die within five years.

Please circle to indicate which tree you would like:

Silver Birch English Oak Whitebeam
Hornbeam Small Leafed Lime

Name

Address

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Telephone

Signature Date



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Names and Addresses of Local Clergy

The Church Of England – The Okeford Benefice

Curates: The Revd Fr Darren A'Court 01268 861847 or email fr.darrenacourt@gmail.com
www.okefordbenefice.org

St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton The Revd David Seymour 01258 471276
www.stmaryssturminsternewton.org.uk

The Roman Catholic Church Father Martin Budge, The Presbytery, Old Mill Lane, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. 01258 820388.

The Methodist Church The Revd Richard Westwood, 27 Elm Close, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. 01258 473187.

The Natural Death Centre:

The Natural Death Centre is a charitable project launched in Britain in 1991. It aims to support those dying at home and their carers, and to help people arrange inexpensive, family-organised, and environmentally-friendly funerals. It has a more general aim of helping to improve the quality of dying.

In 1994 The Natural Death Centre launched the Association of Natural Burial Grounds to assist the growing movement of farmers, local authorities, wildlife charities and others who wished to establish Natural (also known as woodland and green) Burial Grounds, often with commemorative trees instead of headstones. Ham Down Woodland Burial Ground is a member of the association.

The Natural Death Handbook this comprehensive guide to Natural Burial is an invaluable help when planning a funeral, covering such subjects such as where to source the right biodegradable coffin, whether to organise the funeral with or without a funeral director, financial and other preparations for one's own death, writing a Will, probate, bereavement resources etc.

Completely revised and expanded into a boxed set of three books, the new Handbook not only provides updated insight into the hidden world of dying and death, but also includes a compelling and ground breaking book of essays on the subject by some of the best writers in the field. The trilogy is completed by the latest directory of recommended funeral directors and natural burial grounds in the UK.

It can be ordered online or over the phone.

The Natural Death Centre, In The Hill House, Watley Lane, Twyford, Winchester, SO21 1QX
Tel 01962 712690 email rosie@naturaldeath.org.uk www.naturaldeath.org.uk

Other online resources: www.goodfuneralguide.co.uk and www.lastingpost.com

Local specialists for hand made willow caskets - coffins for Green and Alternative Funerals and Woodland Burials www.greenwoodfutures.moonfruit.com

Bere Marsh Farm, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0QY. 01258 860284
www.hamdown-greenburial.co.uk



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Local Funeral Directors who have details of Ham Down Woodland Burial Ground:

Colin Close, Peel Close, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7JU

Tel: 01258 453133

Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4EZ

Tel: 01935 813479

Bracher Bros Ltd, Newbury Street, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL

Tel: 01747 822494

Wakely Bros, 16 Newland, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3JQ

Tel: 01935 816817

L C Hill & Son, Water Street, Mere, Wiltshire BA12 6DZ

Tel: 01747 860361

Grassby Funeral Directors, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1TW

Tel: 01305 262338

Woods Funeral Services, 11a Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1EW

Tel: 01305 250425

Nigel Pope, Vale View, Wood Lane, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2QZ

Tel: 01963 362319

Peter Jackson Funeral Services, Mons, High St, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset BA8 0RA

Tel: 01963 362570

Charles Small, 15 West St, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1JR

Tel: 01202 882372

Merefield & Henstridge Ridgemount, Pitts Lane, West Melbury, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0BU

Tel: 01747 853532

W S Brister & Son, 100 Lenthay Road, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 6AG

Tel: 01935 812647

Nicholas O'Hara Funeral Directors, 128 Station Rd, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 0JB

Tel: 01202 895875

Small Funeral Directors, 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1LR

Tel: 01202 882372

F C Douch & Son, 7 Leigh Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1AB

Tel: 01202 882936

Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset BH20 4QU

Tel: 01929 552107

Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, 2 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way, Upton, Poole, Dorset BH16 5JS

Tel: 01202 621777

G Holland & Son Funeral Directors, 62 Vestry Road, Street, Somerset BA16 0AT

Tel: 01458 840658

James Smith Ltd, 60a Kings Road West, Swanage, Dorset BH19 HR

Tel: 01929 422445

Lesley Shand Funeral Service, 184 Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset

Tel: 01202 658833

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