



## **HAM DOWN WOODLAND BURIAL GROUND**

### ***COST OF BURIAL***

**Interment Plot                    £675**

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 £575.**

A second interment of 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 are carefully noted in the Burial Register, available to view by appointment.

There are marker posts on the site so relatives and friends can locate the plot of their loved one. All this information will be given on the appropriate form to the next-of-kin 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.

No plastic flowers, pots or ornaments are allowed, although native 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 left corner of the burial ground.

There is a small car park alongside the Burial Ground which will hold up to ten cars. Extra parking is available at Bere Marsh Farm. Funerals can take place between the hours of 10am and 4pm on a weekday and 10am to 12 noon on a Saturday.

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 native 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 ten 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 Bere Marsh Cottage at the end of the road which is unconnected with the farm.
7. 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 in the Burial Register.



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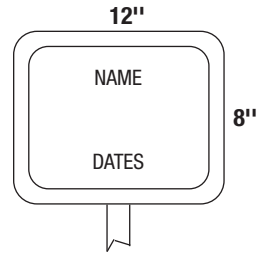
### Plaques

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 £70.

### 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | English Oak       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Whitebeam   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hornbeam     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Leafed Lime | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wild Cherry | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Signature ..... Date .....



## HAM DOWN WOODLAND BURIAL GROUND

### Names and Addresses of Local Clergy

#### **The Church Of England – The Okeford Benefice**

Revd Lydia Cook

01258 863774

rector@okefordbenefice.org

www.okefordbenefice.org

#### **St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton**

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.

### Celebrants

**British Humanist Association** [www.humanism.org.uk](http://www.humanism.org.uk)

**Association of Independent Celebrants** [www.independentcelebrants.com](http://www.independentcelebrants.com)

#### **The Natural Death Centre**

The Natural Death Centre is a charitable project which 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.

The Natural Death Centre also manages 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 Centre, In The Hill House, Watley Lane, Twyford, Winchester, SO21 1QX

Tel 01962 712690 email [rosie@naturaldeath.org.uk](mailto:rosie@naturaldeath.org.uk) [www.naturaldeath.org.uk](http://www.naturaldeath.org.uk)

**Other online resources:** [www.goodfuneralguide.co.uk](http://www.goodfuneralguide.co.uk) and [www.lastingpost.com](http://www.lastingpost.com)

**Local specialists for hand made willow caskets** - coffins for Green and Alternative Funerals and Woodland Burials [www.cradletogravewillowcoffins.co.uk](http://www.cradletogravewillowcoffins.co.uk) 01258 821457

**Bere Marsh Farm, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0QY. 01258 860284**  
**[www.hamdown-greenburial.co.uk](http://www.hamdown-greenburial.co.uk)**



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This information sheet is to be delivered to Bere Marsh Farm, together with any fees due and with Part B of the Certificate of Burial in the case of a burial at least two days before the funeral.

### Information to be supplied.

1. Full name and address of the deceased .....  
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2. Dates of birth and death of the deceased .....
3. Date and hour of funeral .....
4. Place (opposite post no.) .....
5. Type of coffin/casket .....
6. Name, address and tel. no. of person requesting the burial  
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7. Undertaker .....
8. Fee paid .....

**Signature** .....

**Date** .....

**Contact: Mrs F Gerardin 01258 860284**  
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