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## Lowestoft Cemetery, Normanston Drive

— **Lowestoft, NR32 2PZ.**

This town centre Cemetery, located in the North of Lowestoft, opened in 1887 & boasts a still-used 70-seater Gothic non-denominational Chapel. The original Cemetery Lodge is still on site, but now has no connection with the Cemeteries Office. Vehicle entrance into the older, traditional part first, heading towards the White Marble War Memorial – Commonwealth War Graves for both WW's 1 & 2 are found in this Cemetery.

The part we use for current burials is through the older section. Here, traditional Section or Lawn burials can take place. The older part of this Cemetery is part of the Council's Bio-diversity scheme in the Spring & Summer, where the grass is left to re-wilding, where foxes, muntjac deer, insects & rare orchids have been seen & found. This area is a carpet of colour in late Winter & Spring, starting with Snowdrops, Crocuses, Daffodils, Primroses & Primula & finally in May, the beautiful bluebells.



Lowestoft Cemetery Chapel.



Lowestoft Cemetery vehicle entrance area with crocus.





## Belle Vue Cemetery, Yarmouth Road

Lowestoft, NR32 4AL.

Although owned by Lowestoft Town Council, the site is looked after by East Suffolk Services on their behalf & consists of an ashes area dedicated to the brave who served in the Royal Naval Patrol Service in World War 2, the plots are overlooked by the nearby imposing naval war memorial.

All plots in this fenced-off area look the same, hence, plaque or desk-type memorials are only permitted here. Spouses & or the children of those interred here are also permitted to have their ashes added to existing family plots. A real tribute to those who served.



## Kirkley Cemetery, London Road South



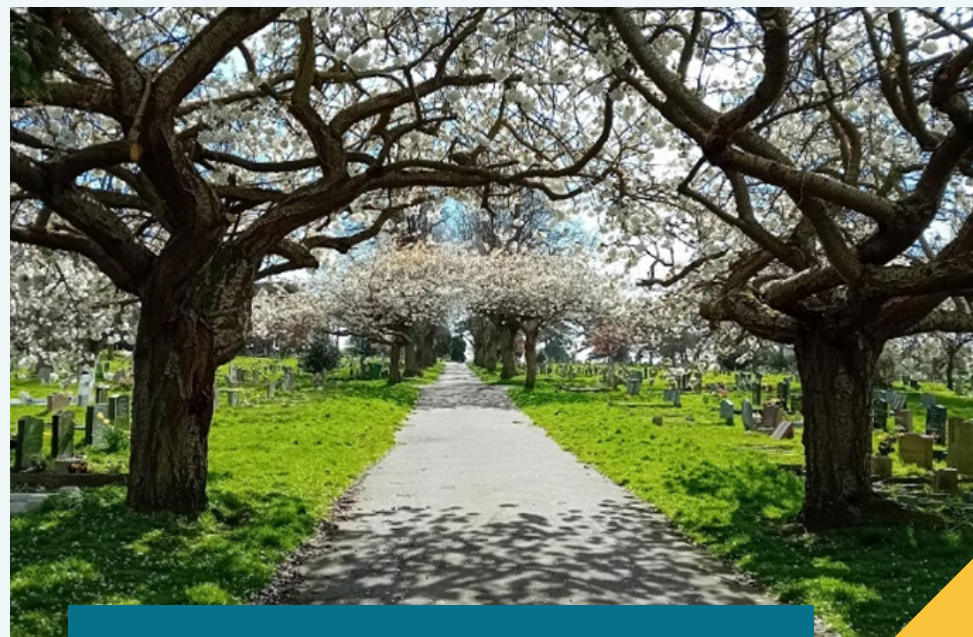
Kirkley green burial area in partial winter sunshine.

### Kirkely, NR33 OPD.

Another town centre Cemetery, which has been described as a little piece of tranquillity in the middle of the busy town, it takes up such a large area, it has 2 postcodes! Kirkley Cemetery has a bit of a rich history, with 2 Chapels in place, one which we use still seats 30/35 people, the other sadly is no longer in use, but the reason for the 2 are when religion was much more significant for burials – one was for Catholics, the other for Church of England & neither would use each other's! The Cemetery looks amazing in the Spring with the Avenue area in the middle awash with cherry blossom colour on the trees. Traditional or Lawn plots are readily available & are our only Cemetery where dedicated Catholic Sections can be found, due to its previously close proximity to a local convent, which, although no longer there, many of the Nuns are buried at the Cemetery on the right-hand side of the London Road South end.

Kirkley is currently the only Cemetery that has a dedicated Green Burial area within. Located behind the current chapel, this area is given completely over to Mother Nature, where only 1 or 2 grass cuts take place every year. All plots are very discreetly hidden amongst the flowers, trees & shrubs. Of course, we know where they are. Burials, ashes interments, as well as ashes scattering, take place here. No memorials are permitted within this area, but a Memory Board can have the names of those interred here engraved upon it, and flowers can also be laid in this area too.

Single-depth burials only take place here in eco-friendly coffins, however, spaces next to your loved one may be pre-purchased to ensure you lie next to one another in the future. A tranquil fitting final resting place for those who followed the green way of life.



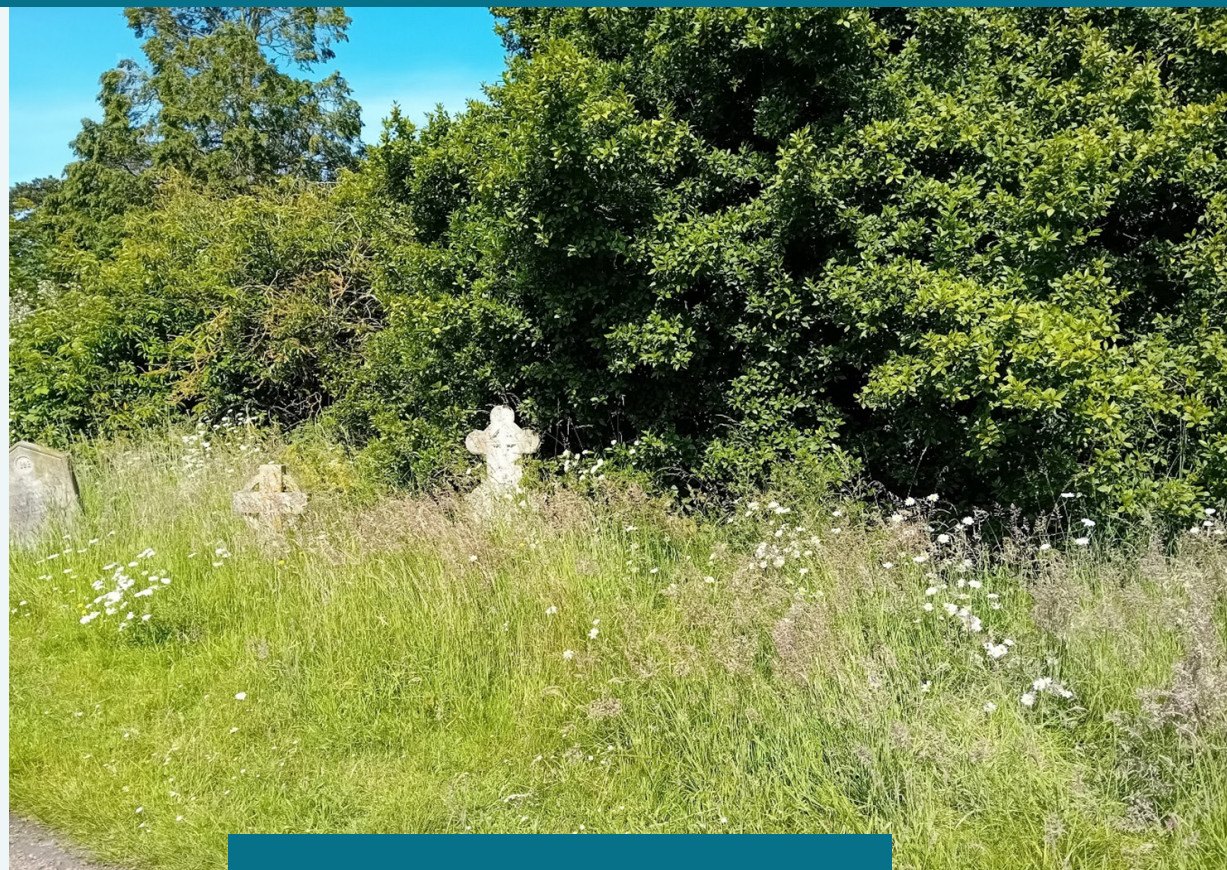
Kirkley cemetery main avenue of cherry trees.



## Beccles Cemetery, London Road

### Beccles, NR34 9YR

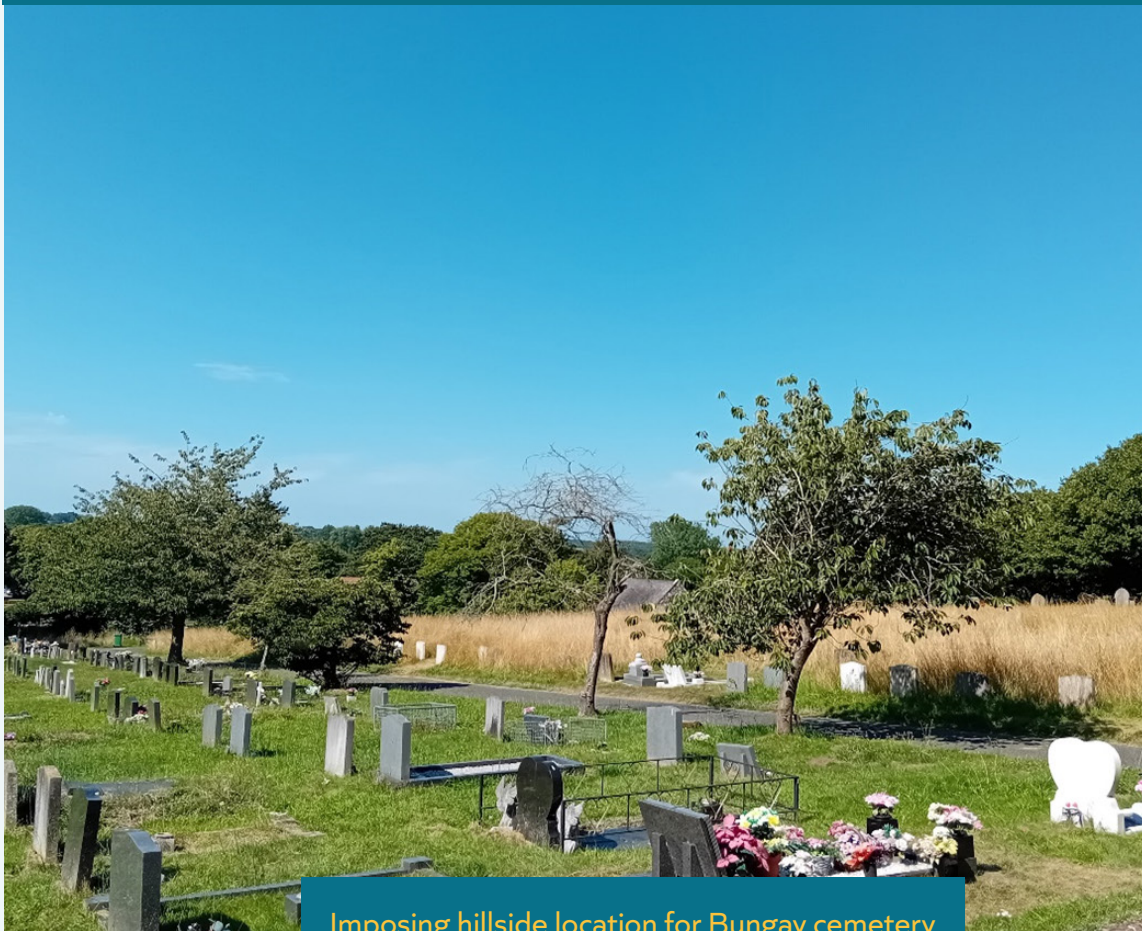
The oldest & largest land wise of the East Suffolk Cemeteries, which opened in 1844, previous burials took place at Kilbrack - with evidence of old memorials still to be seen there. This Cemetery houses a 30-seater flint chapel & has a fine diversity of flora & fauna. There is the old Cemetery to the South end where the original chapel was sited, which had to be moved, as some of the locals started removing flint from that building, causing it to partial collapse, hence the current location & some of the old walls on e.g. South Road still showing this original flint. Extra land as a Cemetery extension has been obtained so that ESC may continue to offer locals the opportunity to be buried in their hometown for many years to come. We currently still offer Lawn or Traditional plot selections, as well as a dedicated ashes area in a peaceful woodland setting.



Beccles biodiversity



## Bungay Cemetery, Hillside Road West



Imposing hillside location for Bungay cemetery

### Bungay, NR35 IRQ

As the address suggests this small, very local to the town Cemetery sits on a rather steep incline/hill with commanding views over the town. The Old Cemetery adjoins with just a footpath in between. With not much room here for vehicles, most of the older burials were brought to the Cemetery on a bier – which would have been pushed up the hill. A sadly, no longer used Chapel is on site with an Avenue of some very unusual & tall memorials behind. As space in all of our Cemeteries is of a premium, Bungay only has about 5 years of burial space left, before it becomes a closed Cemetery, when locals will need to seek alternative arrangements – it is hoped a dedicated area for Bungay residents will open at Beccles, if no further land can be found in Bungay itself.

With this in mind, the burial spaces that are left, we prefer those to be left for any new burials that are to be booked in the future, therefore the pre-purchase of a grave is currently not available. All of the Cemetery is traditional only, there are no specifically dedicated Lawn areas, where headstones or kerb sets or a combination of both can be placed on graves. ~~~

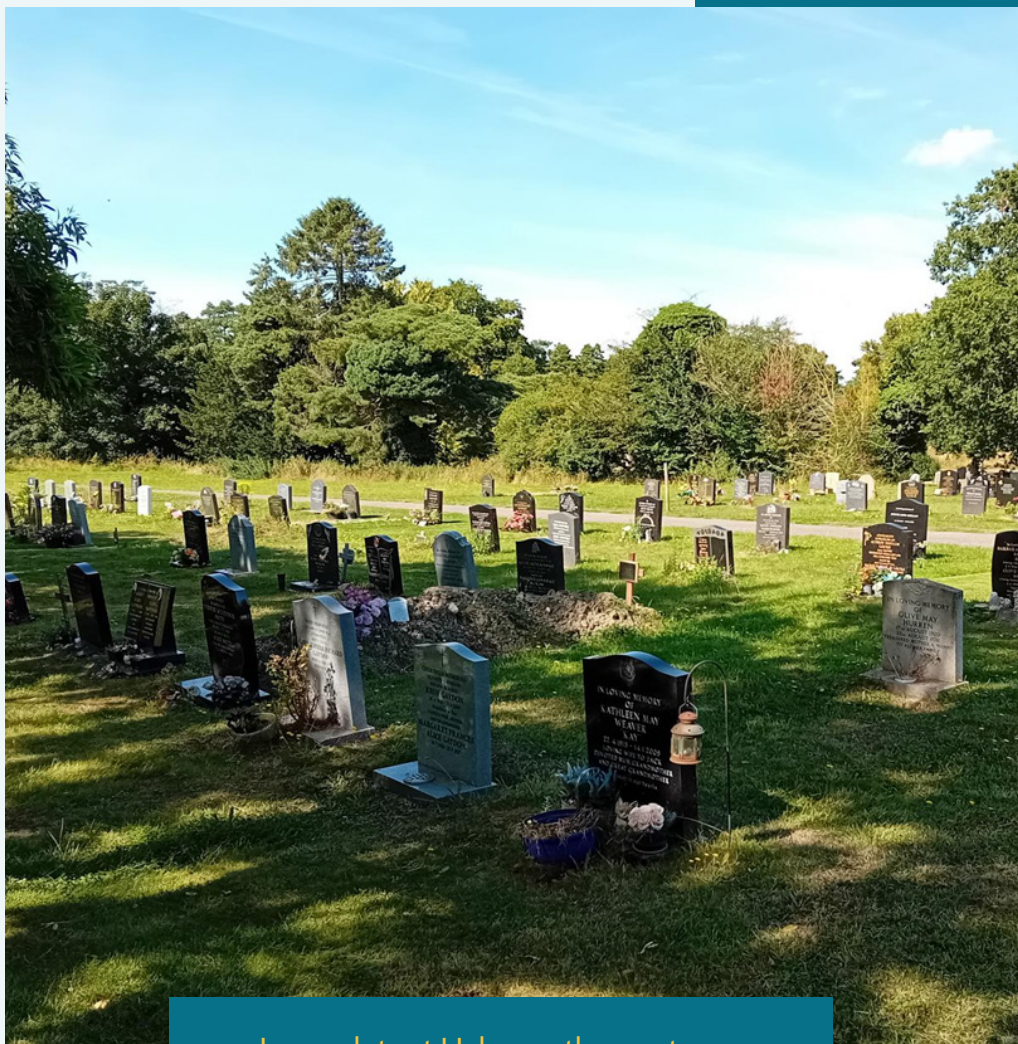


## Halesworth Cemetery, Holton Road

Halesworth, IP19 8HD

This Cemetery is unique in that it houses a funeral director. Located just inside the main entrance, inside their Chapel, is a permanent exhibition showing the history of the Cemetery. One of its occupants found in the bottom/biodiversity area– Ebenezer Tye was the first Suffolk Policeman to be murdered on duty, when he was beaten to death whilst attending a burglary in the town in 1862, aged only 24, with the perpetrator being the last man to hang at the gallows in Ipswich.

At the main entrance, there is also a Giant Redwood Tree that dates back to 1854 as a tribute to the Duke of Wellington. The Cemetery is found on 2 levels with a mezzanine between the lower & upper levels. It is soon to be extended, so again like Beccles, Halesworth residents will be confident they can be interred in their local Cemetery for some time to come, which although not quite ready yet, we have had to put pre-purchases on hold, whilst the land is being prepared, Lawn & traditional plots are still available, as well as a dedicated ashes area. East Suffolk Services only hold burial records from 1936 for here, anything previous to that can be found at the archive centre on behalf of Suffolk County Council.



Lawn plots at Halesworth cemetery.



## Wrentham Old Cemetery, apex of Chapel Road/Priory Lane



Wrentham old cemetery



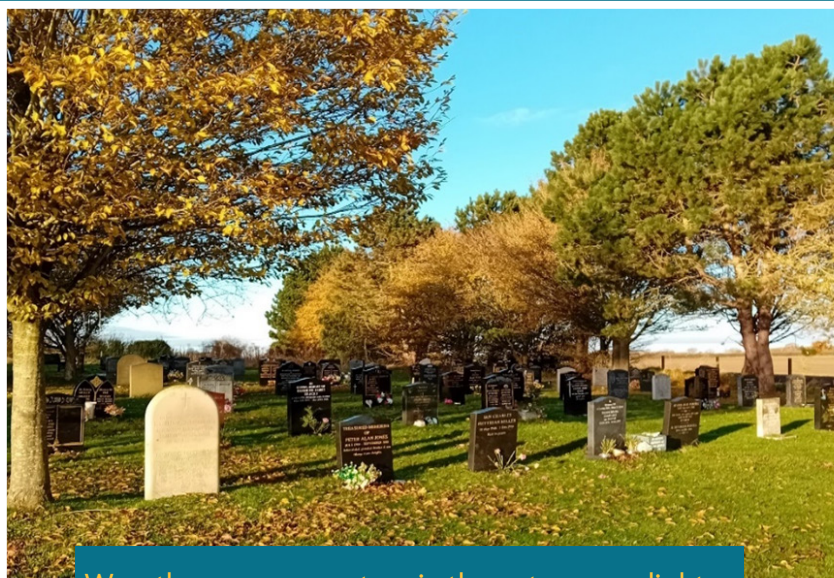
Wrentham, NR34 7LX

Unusual for a small village to have 2 Cemeteries – this older one is an officially closed Cemetery, where we only re-open existing graves for burials & ashes interments. A real haven for wildlife & with no vehicle access, it keeps this Cemetery completely unspoilt. A proper “old school” Cemetery with an abundance of fauna & flora you would expect in a Cemetery – Yew Trees, Holly Bushes line 2 boundaries.

Many of the older plots were purchased by the Benacre Estate for their employees – a grand gesture. Here, a new Community Group made up of Parish Councillor members will be starting work to keep the bushes, hedges, etc under control. Upon the closure of this Cemetery & a new one for Wrentham residents opened just literally around the corner.



## Wrentham New Cemetery, Henstead Road



Wrentham new cemetery in the autumn sunlight.



### Wrentham, NR34 7LD

Opening in 1997, this Cemetery is located immediately next door to the villages' St. Nicholas Church & primarily consists of Lawn plots & a dedicated ashes interment area, although with space to the left of the main entrance gate, a traditional section could be commenced – there just hasn't been the demand for it yet & the Lawns do look uniform in their rows. Another great place to see plenty of wildlife, including in the field to the rear of the Cemetery, Red Kites – magnificent !

## Southwold Cemetery, Wangford Road



Located in Reydon and looking down from the car park end.



### Reydon, IP18 6PA

Although we refer to this Cemetery as Southwold, it is actually located in Reydon ! Immediately adjacent to St. Margaret's Church, where the hedge running down the middle divides the Cemetery from the Churchyard & with nothing but fields to the right, it is a peaceful place for reflection. This Cemetery has many local Southwold well-known family members interred here. The Cemetery is all traditional plots, where both headstones & or kerb sets can be placed on graves. With St. Margaret's Churchyard soon to be filled up & St. Edmunds Church in the town Centre already done so, this Cemetery will become much busier in the future. We thoroughly recommend families to pre-purchase plots at their earliest opportunity.



## Saxmundham Cemetery

**Park End, IP17 1DW**

Often called Park End Cemetery, this intimate Cemetery is tucked away in a cul de sac location, not far from the centre of this market town & apart from funeral vehicles on the day, does not permit other vehicles in, adding to the peacefulness of the surroundings. The grounds are screened practically all the way around by trees, hedging & shrubs. Lawn & traditional plots are fully available as well as dedicated ashes plots & a children's section. This is the first of 3 East Suffolk Cemeteries situated on or just off the B1119.



## Leiston Cemetery



**Saxmundham Road, IP16 4JE**

Situated on the very edge of the town coming in from Saxmundham, with a grand avenue entrance, this Cemetery is quite imposing & houses its own beautiful Chapel, that has a dedicated war memorial wall. Soon to have an extension added to ensure locals can be interred in their local town for many years to come. There is currently ample space available for mainly what are Lawn plots. There is also a peaceful Children's Section & a private, hedged off dedicated ashes area too.



## Aldeburgh Cemetery, Victoria Road



### Aldeburgh, IP15 5DY

Situated behind St. Peter & St. Paul's Church & adjacent to their churchyard, with no real vehicle access, (apart from funeral vehicles on the day), thus making this ideal peaceful grounds for quiet contemplation. This Cemetery has 3 famous residents, the most prolific of all being composer Benjamin Britten, his music & life partner Peter Pears & their assistant Imogen Holtz – daughter of Four Seasons Composer Gustav, for which a more comprehensive sign has been placed there for easier identification.

It is a pristine kept Cemetery, very uniform in its rows & although smaller than other East Suffolk Cemeteries, this does not take away from the ambience. It is preferred that local residents only pre-purchase their plots with us here to ensure they are interred in their local town. The Cemetery currently has Lawn sections for headstones only, as well as dedicated ashes areas.



Graves of Benjamin Britten & Peter Pears at Aldeburgh.





Woodbridge old cemetery



Woodbridge new memorial wall

## Woodbridge Old & New Cemeteries, Apex Warren Hill Road & Cemetery Lane,

Woodbridge, IP12 4DZ

Old – Now only used for re-opens of existing plots or Chapel services. Another ESC Cemetery that originally housed 2 Chapels for religious reasons & has limited vehicle access apart from those using the chapel. The graves are located on gentle slopes & boast a range of magnificent trees including commanding spruce, firs & as in the picture, the often to be found in Cemeteries – Yew. Lots of rare plants can be found here too, hence that is why this Cemetery is also part of East Suffolk's Bio-diversity scheme.

The New Cemetery in contrast is much more uniform in rows & columns, although it does have a smaller traditional (kerb set) area, it is mainly Lawned, with commanding views over to town & a public footpath running down the side. It is the only ESC Cemetery that has a dedicated Memorial Wall for those that are interred nearby as ashes, where a small plaque can be placed upon the wall in memory of their loved one. There is also the Heather Garden area for again ashes only, but mainly scattering. We are planning a new "Green Burial" area here for 2025/26, making good use of land that otherwise would have remained unused & which will be managed under the same regulations as Kirkley Green in Lowestoft.



## Woodbridge New Cemetery (Green Burial)



A green burial site will be set-up at Woodbridge New Cemetery so that those who desire can lay their loved ones to rest in an ecologically friendly way and in an area that will develop into a pleasant and natural meadow/woodland. The site includes three areas. The majority of the site is for full burials. There is a smaller area for the burial of cremated remains and there is also an area where ashes can be scattered.

No memorial stones, vases or other markers can be placed on any of the burial plots in this site, as it is intended that the whole area of meadow/woodland will become the lasting memorial to those whose remains are buried or scattered there. However, a large memorial board, similar to the one below, near the main entrance, will be inscribed with their names. Near to the memorial board is an area designated for the placing of floral tributes. The council will manage this area and remove fading tributes on a regular basis.



Memorial board





Woodbridge new cemetery (proposed new green burial area)

Details of all burials will be recorded by the council (as required by law) and a deed of exclusive rights of interment will be issued to the families involved.

After burials have taken place in an area, and in the appropriate season, the area will be landscaped in sympathy with nature. Thereafter it will be maintained with the intention of providing an area for quiet reflection that will develop into a habitat giving food and shelter for local wildlife. Grass cutting will take place less frequently than in traditional cemeteries to encourage the establishment of wildflowers.

It is important that families make themselves fully aware of the conditions before they decide to have the remains of a loved one placed in the green burial site.

Some of the main points to bear in mind are:

- Only one person may be buried in each grave plot, although both grave and ashes plots can be re-opened for future ashes interments
- All coffins, urns and caskets must be of a biodegradable material
- The council will allocate grave spaces on a next available plot basis
- No memorial, or marker, or other ornamentation can be placed on any of the burial plots
- In order to maintain the natural look of the area, cut flowers will not be allowed on the individual plots. All floral tributes must be placed in the designated area





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