

Woodland Burial Ground



The Woodland Burial Ground has been planted as a series of glades and woodland. Currently the trees are immature and plots are therefore only offered in the woodland areas. There is flexibility as to exact location, and the Sexton will be pleased to help you make your decision, either by visiting the site, or discussing it over the phone.

Trees planted include beech, ash, hornbeam and hazel – all native to the area. The glades are cut three times a year to encourage native species and it is therefore important that other planting is not introduced.

Only biodegradable materials should be used in the burial ground and there are no visible markers for the grave. If a memorial plaque is required we are happy for the family to place one in the Garden of Remembrance.



Despite this, we recognise that sometimes families wish to mark the burial site in a manner which is in keeping with the Woodland Burial ethos. We have therefore provided a list of native plants which may be used, once permission has been sought from the Council.

We ask that families abide by the following guidelines.

- If a family would like to sow or plant around a loved one's grave, they must let us know in advance to ensure that the correct location is used.
- Only plants on the list provided may be used – whether as plants, bulbs or seeds. Hybrids and cultivars of these or other non-natives are not acceptable and will be removed.
- Please ensure that planting looks as natural as possible, without straight lines or delineating graves, otherwise plants may be removed.
- Nothing already growing in the burial ground may be disturbed or dug up.
- The earth on new graves may be topped a few times within the first few months after a burial, and the soil may take a year to settle fully; so early planting may become covered in soil.
- If plants require watering, families will need to do this themselves. The Council cannot be responsible for plants being eaten by local wildlife.

Any markers, ornaments or non-native planting on graves will be removed by the Council and kept for a short period for the family to reclaim.

All plots can be purchased in advance but **are only single depth**, to ensure that the growth of the trees is not compromised. We permit a maximum of 3 caskets of ashes to be interred with a coffin in one grave.

Half plots for interment of ashes are also available in which three casket of ashes can be buried.

It should be noted that although plots can be reserved in advance, the Council does reserve the right to alter the plot location if necessary.

Wildflowers Acceptable for Planting:

Agrimony	<i>Agrimonium eupatoria</i>
Anemone,	Wood Anemone <i>nemorosa</i>
Angelelica,	Wild Angelica <i>sylvestris</i>
Avens,	Wood Geum <i>urbanum</i>
Bedstraw,	Hedge Galium <i>mollugo</i>
Bedstraw,	Lady's Galium <i>verum</i>
Bellflower,	Clustered Campanula <i>glomerata</i>
Bellflower,	Giant Campanula <i>latifolia</i>
Bellflower,	Nettle-leaved Campanula <i>trachelium</i>
Betony	<i>Stachys officinalis</i>
Bluebell,	English Hyacinthoides <i>non-scripta</i>
Brooklime	<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>
Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>
Burnet-saxifrage,	Lesser Pimpinella <i>saxifraga</i>
Campion,	Bladder Silene <i>vulgaris</i>
Campion,	Red Silene <i>dioica</i>
Carrot,	Wild Daucus <i>carota</i>
Celandine,	Lesser Ranunculus <i>ficaria</i>
Centaury,	Common Centaurium <i>erythraea</i>
Chamomile,	Corn Anthemis <i>arvensis</i>
Chervil,	Rough Chaerophyllum <i>temulum</i>
Cinquefoil,	Creeping Potentilla <i>reptans</i>
Clary,	Wild Salvia <i>verbenaca</i>
Clover,	Red Trifolium <i>pratense</i>
Clover,	Strawberry Trifolium <i>fragiferum</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>
Corncockle	<i>Agrostemma githago</i>
Cornflower	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>
Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i>
Cranesbill, Dovesfoot	<i>Geranium molle</i>
Cranesbill, Meadow	<i>Geranium pratense</i>
Cranesbill, Wood	<i>Geranium sylvaticum</i>
Cuckoo Flower	<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>
Daffodil,	Wild Narcissus <i>pseudonarcissus</i>
Feverfew	<i>Tanaceum parthenium</i>
Field Garlic	<i>Allium oleraceum</i>
Forget-me-not, Field or Wood	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i> or <i>sylvatica</i>
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Gentian,	Autumn Gentianella <i>amarella</i>
Heartsease	<i>Viola tricolor</i>
Hellebore,	Green Helleborus <i>viridis</i>
Hellebore,	Stinking Helleborus <i>foetidus</i>
Helleborine,	Narrow-leaved <i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>
Hemp-nettle,	Common Galeopsis <i>tetrahit</i>
Iris,	Stinking Iris <i>foetidissima</i>
Iris,	Yellow Iris <i>pseudocorus</i>
Knapweed,	Common or Greater <i>Centaurea nigra</i> or <i>scabiosa</i>
Marigold,	Marsh <i>Caltha palustris</i>
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>
Mullein, Great	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>

Musk mallow	Malva moschata
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare
Oxlip	Primula elatior
Pepper-saxifrage	Silaum silaus
Pignut	Conopodium majus
Pimpernel, Scarlet	Anagallis avensis
Primrose	Primula vulgaris
Quaking Grass	Briza media
Ragged Robin	Lychnis flos-cuculi
Ramsons	Allium ursinum
Red Bartsia	Odontites vernus
Redshank	Pericaria maculosa
Saxifrage, Meadow	Saxifraga granulata
Scabious, Devil's Bit	Succisa pratensis
Scabious, Field	Knautia arvensis
Scabious, Small	Scabiosa columbaria
Selfheal	Prunella vulgaris
Silverweed	Potentilla anserina
Snakeshead Fritillary	Fritillaria meleagris
Snowdrop	Galanthus nivalis
Sorrel, Common	Rumex acetosa
Speedwell, Germander	Veronica chamaedrys
Speedwell, Thyme-leaved	Veronica serpyllifolia
Spurge, Wood	Euphorbia amygdaloides
St John's-wort, Hairy	Hypericum hirsutum
St John's-wort, Perforate	Hypericum perforatum
Strawberry, Wild	Fragaria vesca
Toadflax, Common	Linaria vulgaris
Trefoil, Commons Birds-foot	Lotus corniculatus
Vetch, Common	Vicia sativa
Vetch, Kidney	Anthyllis vulneraria
Vetch, Tufted	Vicia cracca
Vetchling, Grass	Lathyrus nissolia
Vetchling, Meadow	Lathyrus pratensis
Vetchling, Yellow	Lathyrus aphaca
Violet, Common Dog	Viola riviniana
Violet, Hairy	Viola hirta
Violet, Sweet	Viola odorata
Woodruff	Galium odoratum
Wood-sorrel	Oxalis acetosella
Woundwort,	Hedge Stachys sylvatica
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium
Yellow Rattle	Rhinanthus minor