

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
Oxeye Daisy
Oxlip
Pepper-saxifrage
Pignut
Pimpernel, Scarlet
Primrose
Quaking Grass
Ragged Robin
Ramsons
Red Bartsia
Redshank
Saxifrage, Meadow
Scabious, Devil's Bit
Scabious, Field
Scabious, Small
Selfheal
Silverweed
Snakeshead Fritillary
Snowdrop
Sorrel, Common
Speedwell, Germander
Speedwell, Thyme-leaved
Spurge, Wood
St John's-wort, Hairy
St John's-wort, Perforate
Strawberry, Wild
Toadflax, Common
Trefoil, Commons Birds-foot
Vetch, Common
Vetch, Kidney
Vetch, Tufted
Vetchling, Grass
Vetchling, Meadow
Vetchling, Yellow
Violet, Common Dog
Violet, Hairy
Violet, Sweet
Woodruff
Wood-sorrel
Woundwort,
Yarrow
Yellow Rattle

Malva moschata
Leucanthemum vulgare
Primula elatior
Silaum silaus
Conopodium majus
Anagallis avensis
Primula vulgaris
Briza media
Lychnis flos-cuculi
Allium ursinum
Odontites vernus
Pericaria maculosa
Saxifraga granulata
Succisa pratensis
Knautia arvensis
Scabiosa columbaria
Prunella vulgaris
Potentilla anserina
Fritillaria meleagris
Galanthus nivalis
Rumex acetosa
Veronica chamaedrys
Veronica serpyllifolia
Euphorbia amygdaloides
Hypericum hirsutum
Hypericum perforatum
Fragaria vesca
Linaria vulgaris
Lotus corniculatus
Vicia sativa
Anthyllis vulneraria
Vicia cracca
Lathyrus nissolia
Lathyrus pratensis
Lathyrus aphaca
Viola riviniana
Viola hirta
Viola odorata
Galium odoratum
Oxalis acetosella
Hedge Stachys sylvatica
Achillea millefolium
Rhinanthus minor