

Atlantic Rest Natural Burial, Penlow Field, Woolley, Morwenstow

ORGANISING A FUNERAL AND RESERVING GRAVES WHEN REQUIRED, PLOTS ARE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY OR YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR PLOT IN ADVANCE.

We do not provide a full Funeral Director Service, but work alongside your chosen funeral provider.

Some families choose to carry out the whole or part of the funeral themselves and we can put them in contact with suppliers and help with all the procedures on the day.

We welcome people of all faiths and beliefs. Some families choose to hold a full service at the grave-side; some have a service at a church and then come to the burial ground. Others have a small, private interment followed by a memorial service another day. There is no time limit; families may take as much time as they need.

If you are purchasing a plot in advance you will be given a 'right of burial certificate'. This will show the type of plot chosen and its area within the site. To pre-purchase a plot, please contact us to arrange a site visit to ensure that the site meets your requirements.

We will dig and refill the grave, satisfy all the legal notifications of burial and record the exact position of the grave.

As a natural burial ground we welcome bio-degradable, non toxic coffins and ashes caskets. Traditional, wooden coffins are acceptable, as long as they are made with wood taken from managed, sustainable forests. It must be noted that we do not permit non-degradable linings or plastic: eg the handles, linings and pillows etc. should be made from, and stuffed, with natural fibres.

We strongly discourage embalming; an embalmed body will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances such as repatriation.

We reserve the right to refuse burial if the above conditions are not met.

The purchase of a burial plot is for the right of burial in the plot only and does not confer ownership of the ground or any other rights.

All excavations of graves and all other works are carried out either by an employee of the Company or by a person approved by them. It is possible (under supervision) for families, who so wish, to back fill the graves themselves.

Floral tributes may be placed on the grave at the time of the funeral but they will be removed after a 3 week period. This is to allow the natural ground cover to develop. We ask that tributes are constructed using natural products and not formed with oasis and plastic trays as this creates a considerable disposal problem. To preserve the natural surroundings, we do not permit headstones or other permanent grave-side memorials.

No body shall be buried unless the death has been registered and the proper documentation is supplied to the Company.

No cremated remains shall be buried, unless a certificate of cremation is supplied. This will be from an approved crematorium.

No body shall be removed from any grave in the burial ground, once interred, without a licence from the Secretary of State under section 25 of the Burial Act 1857.