



## COFFINS and URNS – June 2025

Our burial ground is for people who care for our natural environment and want to preserve the beauty of the meadow and developing woodland. We do not, therefore, allow any metals or plastics of any kind and everything brought onto the site must be biodegradable and/or made from a renewable source.

Many funeral directors offer a range of coffins made from polished hardwood which we do not consider to be appropriate. Instead we encourage use of a coffin, urn or shroud that has been made from a bio-degradable, recycled or renewable source material such as soft wood, willow, bamboo, straw, paper or felt. These materials return to the soil as nature intended and do not impede the growth of seedlings or saplings planted in memory of those who are buried here. There are some examples below and you will find information on some of the firms that supply suitable products overleaf.

### Woven Willow

These can be made to measure, look friendly and, with posies of flowers tucked in around the edges, beautiful.



### Bamboo



These coffins look wonderful. Ecoffins in Kent import them from China where the workers are paid fair wages. They are packed like Russian dolls inside each other and sent by sea, so keeping environmental damage and carriage costs to a minimum.

### Cardboard

These are practical, attractive and good value. They are available in a wood-like finish in many colours and patterns, or plain white. White ones can be painted, or collages can be added, making them personal and very special.



### Papier Maché

Made by hand from recycled newspapers and hand finished with paper made from 100% mulberry pulp, the Ecopod is available in a range of colours with screen printed motifs, plain white, or gold. Each wondrous shape can be individually decorated to order. Arka Ecopod also



manufacture the Acorn urn for the storage of ashes after cremation. These are made from recycled paper, available in a number of colours and fully biodegradable.



### Straw



Eco-Rest coffins are constructed from straw-based board derived from agricultural waste and bonded together with a non-toxic resin. They can be natural or veneered to look like traditional coffins.

## Suppliers

*We are pleased to offer a list of suppliers but we are not able to make recommendations.  
We have no financial interest in any of those listed here.*

<p><b>Bamboo coffins</b>  Ecoffins  Lion Farm, Rawling Street  Milstead, Sittingbourne  Kent ME9 0RT  ☎ 01795 830688  <a href="http://www.ecoffins.co.uk">www.ecoffins.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Willow coffins</b>  The Somerset Willow Company  The Wireworks Estate, Bristol Road  Bridgewater  Somerset TA6 4AP  ☎ 01278 424003  <a href="http://www.wickerwillowcoffins.co.uk">www.wickerwillowcoffins.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Recycled Paper coffins and urns</b>  Arka Ecopod  37 Western Road  Hove  East Sussex BN3 1AF  ☎ 01273 746011  <a href="http://www.ecopod.co.uk">www.ecopod.co.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>Willow coffins</b>  Amanda Rayner  Wylldwood Willow  Pen-y-lan Barn, Parc Road  Llangybi  Monmouthshire NP15 1NY  ☎ 07816 005251  <a href="http://www.wylldwoodwillow.co.uk">www.wylldwoodwillow.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Wool/wood coffins</b>  Bellacouche Leafcocoon  Yuli Somme  8 Meldon Road  Chagford  Devon TQ13 8BG  ☎ 01647 441405 Mob:07763 935897  <a href="http://www.bellacouche.com">www.bellacouche.com</a></p>
<p><b>Woollen coffins</b>  A W Hainsworth &amp; Sons Ltd  Spring Valley Mills  Stanningley, Pudsey  West Yorkshire LS28 6DW  ☎ 01132 570391  <a href="http://www.naturallegacy.co.uk">www.naturallegacy.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Willow, seagrass, bamboo coffins</b>  FTP Eco-coffins Ltd  The Old Rectory  Boraston, Tenbury Wells  Worcestershire WR15 8LH  ☎ 01584 819981  <a href="http://www.ftp-eco-coffins.co.uk">www.ftp-eco-coffins.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Cartonboard and wooden</b>  Creativecoffins  PO Box 1  Guernsey  GY1 4AA  ☎ 01481 714820  <a href="http://www.creativecoffins.com">www.creativecoffins.com</a></p>	