

- 1 Members do not acquire any deed, rights of ownership nor title in respect of any plot. A particular plot may only be reserved by a member who has a relative buried in an adjoining plot. Membership entitles the member to be buried, have their ashes buried or scattered (as shown on their Membership Certificate) and such entitlement may be assigned to another person provided formal notice is given to the Association. Membership subscriptions do not include the cost of grave digging or any funeral costs.
- 2 Members or, if membership is purchased post-mortem, legal representatives of a deceased member may nominate one Personal Representative who has attained legal majority age and such Representative may vote at General Meetings in lieu of the member. Members or Representatives will notify the Secretary of any change of address or change in Personal Representative and the Association shall send notices of Annual General Meetings to the Member or, if the member is deceased, to the Representative at that address.
- 3 Personal information of Members and their Representatives may be held solely for the administration of the Association and for statutory purposes.
- 4 The Association will maintain the burial site for a period of 50 years from the date of joining of its last member or until the site is full and/or has been transferred to another appropriate organisation whichever shall be the earlier.
- 5 Members may only use fully biodegradable materials in respect of any burial or the preparation of human remains for burial and specifically may not use plastics. Embalming fluids or similar chemicals harmful to the environment are permitted but we ask Funeral Directors to minimise their use. Metal or non-biodegradable prostheses are an accepted exception to this general rule.
- 6 Human remains may be buried in any suitable receptacle, coffin or urn, or wrapped in a shroud or binding material subject always to Rule 5 above. In the case of any dispute about the method of burial the decision of the Directors shall be binding.
- 7 Members are not obliged to use Funeral Directors and may personally arrange funerals including the digging and refilling of the burial plot. In such cases Members will ensure that the plot is properly prepared and that human remains or the lid of any coffin used will be at least 24 inches (610mm) below the surface of the surrounding area. Members will also be responsible for subsequent back filling necessary when soil shrinkage or settlement occurs. In the event that the plot is not properly restored after burial Members agree to pay an appropriate amount in restitution not greater than the then current cost of grave digging.
- 8 Members may not place any memorial, plaque, stone or any other artefact within the curtilage of the Burial Site except a slate plaque conforming to the approved specification published by the Association which shall be placed within the area of a grave or within an area of a square metre above a burial of ashes.
- 9 Cut flowers (but not artificial flowers) are permitted provided they are not contained in plastic wrapping or other non-biodegradable material. Floral tributes constructed on plastic frames may be placed on a grave on the day of burial but must be removed within 14 days.
- 10 Only trees of a variety approved and supplied by the Association and wildflowers from the approved list may be planted on the site.
- 11 Members may participate in the planting of trees, wild flowers and/or shrubs in accordance with a location date and time set by the Directors.
- 12 Anything planted may be lifted, pruned, moved, coppiced or thinned consistent with prudent management of a sustainable woodland area.
- 13 Members may visit the Burial Site at any time but agree not to bring animals onto the site or engage in any activity which is not consistent with the objectives of the association or which may affect the peaceful contemplation of other Members.