

These are the Rules that The Yealmpton Woodland Burial Association (hereafter 'we', 'us' or 'our') and Members joining the Association (hereafter 'you') agree to abide by.

- 1 You 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 you to be buried, have your ashes buried or scattered (as shown on your 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 We will maintain the Woodland Burial Ground 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.
- 3 Only fully biodegradable materials may be used for 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.
- 4 Human remains may be buried in any suitable biodegradable receptacle, coffin or urn, or wrapped in a shroud or binding material subject always to Rule 3 above. In the case of any dispute about the method of burial our decision shall be binding.
- 5 You are not obliged to use Funeral Directors and may personally arrange funerals including the digging and refilling of the burial plot but must obtain the Association's prior consent and comply with its instructions.
- 6 You 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 us which shall be placed within the 9ft x 3.5ft area of a grave plot or within an area of a square metre above a burial of ashes.
- 7 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. We reserve the right to remove any item not compliant with these rules.
- 8 Only trees of a variety approved and supplied by us and wildflowers from the approved list may be planted on the site.
- 9 You may maintain your plot within the area specified in Rule 6. but must not extend grass cutting beyond that area except to clear access to the plot. Use of any weedkiller or other chemical is strictly forbidden.
- 10 You may participate in the annual planting of trees, wild flowers and/or shrubs in accordance with a location date and time set by us.
- 11 Anything planted may be lifted, pruned, moved, coppiced or thinned by us consistent with prudent management of a sustainable woodland area and such work may apply to memorial trees if they become diseased but such trees will be replaced up to 5 years after initial planting.
- 12 You may visit at any time but agree not to bring dogs or other animals onto the site or engage in any activity which is not consistent with our objective to create an environmentally-friendly woodland burial ground or which may affect the peaceful contemplation of other Members.