



Direct (unattended) Cremation and Natural Interment of Cremated Remains

Whilst the ethos of The Natural Burial Company is very much caring for families with burial services, we do also understand that for many reasons people may wish to be cremated.

In recent years there has been an increase in direct cremations, initially due to high profile funerals such as that of David Bowie. More recently the covid crisis has necessitated this option for many in society. The advantages of such a service are clear, the cost is much below that of a traditional funeral and greater emphasis can be placed on what may be more appropriate ways to remember and celebrate a life. Especially for those who are not religious.

Therefore, we are now able to offer a Direct Cremation Service, which is then followed by an interment at one of our natural burial grounds. As we wish to care for the environment, we will also plant three trees for each cremation we conduct. Caring for the environment and the bereaved is what we are all about, and we will do our best to support nature for the benefit of future generations.

The Direct Cremation is conducted without attendees at a location, time and date chosen by The Natural Burial Company. Whilst you are unable to attend the service, we will inform you of the day and time, to allow you the opportunity to spend some quiet time.

Once the cremation is conducted you have two options available to you. Please note that our service is based around caring for the environment and providing a natural legacy, therefore, we would not simply return the cremated remains to the family. If you require this service, we recommend you use the services of one of the many other Direct Cremation providers available. A simple online search would provide you with several options:

After the Direct Cremation we offer the following services.

- The Cremated Remains can be loosely interred in an unmarked spot in one of our Natural Burial Grounds. We will inform you of the location of the Natural Burial Ground, but not the precise location of the loose interment – There is no additional charge for this service.
- A Service/Celebration of Life can be held at one of our Natural Burial Grounds. This would include a burial plot and all interment fees.

An Environmentally Friendly Cremated Remains Urn/Casket can be provided.

A Celebrant to conduct the interment can be arranged.

A Slate Memorial Plaque and Memorial Tree can also be arranged. These can be fixed/planted on the day of the interment.

Arranging a Natural Burial of Cremated Remains allows for a beautiful place to visit and remember, whilst also ensuring that you are supporting nature, the environment and creating a legacy for future generations.

Direct Cremation with Natural Burial Service or Celebration

After the cremation, our team will contact you to arrange a service or celebration at one of our natural burial grounds. The interment will be at a day and time as selected by you (note: a supplement will be charged if a Saturday service is required) and the plot will be selected by our team. The cost will include our colleague to support you on the day. All interment fees. A loose interment of the cremated remains. A choice of tree for the grave (Silver Birch, Rowan, Crab Apple or Holly) and a Slate Marker Plaque.

Two additional native trees will also be planted at one of our natural burial grounds.

The Cost of Direct Cremation with Natural Burial Service or Celebration is £1,995.

- A supplementary charge of £130 is applicable for a service on a Saturday
- A Shelter and Chairs can be provided for an additional £350
- A Bamboo Casket (Glade) can be provided for £80, or an English Willow Casket for £95
- A Celebrant or Minister of Religion can conduct the interment for additional cost

Direct Cremation with Unattended Interment at Natural Burial Ground

After the cremation, our team will conduct a respectful unattended interment at one of our natural burial grounds. You will be informed that the interment has been conducted and at which natural burial ground. We will also provide a certificate of interment. Whilst you will not be informed of the exact interment spot, we believe that the natural beauty of our burial grounds is a fitting tribute to those in our care, therefore you can visit to remember your loved one and to celebrate nature.

This service includes planting of three native trees.

The Cost of the Direct Cremation with Unattended Interment at Natural Burial Ground is £1,800.

You may purchase a Slate Memorial Plaque to be placed in the memorial area of the burial ground for an additional £120.

