



The Natural Burial Company

Saying a Personal Goodbye

We understand the importance of ensuring that your final goodbye to a loved one is as personal and appropriate as possible. For our Family Led Services we are here to help in every way that we can to make the service, be it a Celebration of Life, Memorial, or Traditional Funeral exactly as you wish for it to be.

Accordingly, we note below some ideas that you may wish to consider. And please remember to allow yourselves time for thought and discussion. Arranging a service for a loved one should not be hurried.

Things to consider.

- Who will conduct the service, a Celebrant, Minister of Religion, Family Member, or a hybrid of services with a member of our team supporting.
- Would Family and/or Friends wish to carry and/or lower the coffin. This can be a very personal duty to perform for your loved one. We will always provide colleagues to help and support.
- Should there be a dress theme? Wearing a particular colour is a simple way for everyone to pay tribute. There are no rules, so rock band T-shirts, Football Shirts, and full themed services such as Harry Potter and Wild West have been arranged.
- Music can be so special. Favourite songs or complete playlists can be arranged. It is also becoming increasingly popular to have a playlist of favourites played in the background throughout the service. We are able to provide quality Bluetooth speakers. Alternatively, live music can be arranged, recent examples include a String Quartet, Harpist, and a Folk Band.
- Likewise, favourite Poems or Readings can be incorporated into the service.
- Do other members of the family or friends have happy memories they would like to share? You may feel it appropriate to allow time within the service to invite everyone present to speak.

- Did your loved one have a favourite tipple? You can have a toast at the graveside, Whisky, Guinness, Fizzy Drinks, Mead, and a Cup of Tea have all been toasts in recent months.
- If the weather allows you may wish to consider refreshments or even having a picnic. We can provide picnic blankets and hot drinks to help support you.
- We believe that dogs are key members of the family. If you have a dog (or dogs) that you wish to attend the service at the natural burial ground, they would be very welcome. And if you let us know in advance, we can ensure water is available, and maybe a treat or two.

As we only conduct one full burial at each natural burial ground per day remember that you have time to ensure that everything is as you wish. We do not limit the service length, and our team will be available to help and support, to ensure that your goodbye is as special as your loved one.

- You can write personal messages on several of the coffins within our range. Alternatively, we can provide Message Tags and Pens so everyone present can write a personal tribute and attach it to the coffin.
- We can provide a table for photographs, letters, cards, and other special items can be displayed.

The above considerations are in addition to what you may think of as standard funeral options, which we can also provide on request. This includes Coffins, Caskets and Shrouds, Hearse Options (such as Electric, Horsedrawn, VW Camper, Land Rover, and Motorcycle), Floral Tributes and Order of Service.

Please consider the service as a blank canvas on which you can create a personal, meaningful celebration or tribute. Our team are available to help you with this to ensure that everything is as it should be on this most important of occasions.

Further information, advice, and support is available by contacting our team on (0116) 222 0247 emailing info@thenaturalburialcompany.co.uk or by visiting our websites www.thenaturalburialcompany.co.uk and www.funeralsdirect.co.uk