
Natural burial area - guidelines

The natural burial area is located within Long Ditton Cemetery on the boundary of Stoke Field. This area will be managed as a meadowland where wild flowers and existing mature trees will grow in order to encourage wildlife. The grass in the natural burial area will be cut once a year.

There are certain regulations that apply to the Natural Burial Area, please ensure that you and your family understand these before choosing this option:

Grave spaces

- Each grave can accommodate up to two burials
- Graves cannot be purchased in advance as strict rotation is required
- No selection is possible, however the Cemetery Custodian will be pleased to show you the area

Burial

- All coffins must be biodegradable
- The Natural Burial Area is open to all faiths

Cremated remains

- Cremated remains can only be scattered. This scattering would take place around one of the existing mature trees in the Natural Burial Area.
- Exhumation of cremated remains would not be possible

Memorials

- Following each burial, a flat oak tablet supplied by the Council will be placed at the head end of the grave space. This tablet will break down over time



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- No other form of memorial, memorabilia or flowers can be placed in the Natural Burial Area

Trees

- No new trees can be planted as there are already enough mature trees within the Natural Burial Area

Fees & Charges

Please email cemeteries@elmbridge.gov.uk or call 01372 474567 for the current fees & charges



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