

## Prices 2020

### Plots:-

Adult grave space for one person	£750
Child under 18	£400
Small plot for Infant under 2	£200
Ashes plot	£200
Ashes scattering	£200

We also have a charge which is paid into a ring-fenced fund, covering the long-term management and protection of the site once all the grave spaces are sold. This maintenance fund will ensure that the site remains an accessible, safe, and pleasant place to visit, long into the future. This fund will be managed by the trustees and will cover maintenance, insurance, and habitat management once the site is full. Minimum contribution is £20.

*Please make the above payments to 'Eden Valley Woodland Burial Ground'*

### Grave preparation and administration: – payable at the time of a funeral only.

Interment Fee*	£400*
Infant interment (under 3)	£300
Ashes interment	£300

*\*Any coffins 6ft9in or more in length or 26in or more in width with incur a £100 surcharge to cover the additional grave preparation. NB. All our graves are neatly and carefully dug by hand.*

*Payment for this charge only to 'House Cemetery Maintenance'*

These prices include the provision and planting of a memorial tree (30- 60cm whip) - on or near the grave, a tree guard and stake (full burials only). The interment of ashes takes place around existing trees.

If families wish to plant something bigger than a whip, we will arrange this as part of 'tree planting day' in late winter and will endeavour to source the best saplings, at the best prices, each year. At a cost of somewhere between £40 to £100 depending on the size and species.

## **Right of Burial**

You are purchasing a 'right of burial' on your chosen plot. You have secured it whether you occupy it immediately or in 10, 20 or 60 years time. The grave preparation and administration fees will of course rise over time and are payable when a burial takes place. However, if your plot is not occupied within 30 years from purchase we require that you contact us and re-sign, at no extra cost, to confirm that you still wish to be buried with us. Of course, if you move home you also need to notify us.

Individuals buying a pre-purchase plot must appreciate that if their plot is not occupied for many years, that their neighbours' trees may have developed to the extent that the canopy may have closed in. The burial can still take place but there may not be enough light for their own memorial tree to flourish. Some species like hazel will do better in these circumstances. As would ferns and woodland flowers like sweet woodruff, violets, primrose and foxglove.

## **Refunds**

We appreciate that sometimes situations change. If you move far away or emigrate, we will refund the original purchase price minus an administration charge, currently £100 pounds. If you change your mind, there is a 28-day cooling off period. Rights of burial to specific plots can be sold on the open market and transferred to a new owner. Simply inform us if you have sold or given the rights away and we can update our records. New owners must sign the Terms and Conditions.



**Application for a licence to occupy a burial space/pre-payment form**

Full name of applicant/applicants .....

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Full address .....

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Postcode..... Tel. No.....

E-mail.....

Preferred area for grave.....

Preferred planting.....  
(please note if a tree is not specified a hazel whip will be planted)

Type of coffin.....

Certificate to be left in the care of.....

Next of kin & address.....

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Tel. No. and e-mail.....

Relationship to plot owner.....

Religion/faith/other.....

Specific requests/ instructions .....

*I (we) being the applicant, have read, understood and agree to abide by the cemetery terms and conditions, particularly those appertaining to the placement of memorials, flowers, plants and trees on graves, also to the environmental suitability of coffins, their fixtures, grave goods and embalming.*

Signature of applicant/s .....

Date .....



**Notice of Interment**

Full name of the deceased .....

Full address of the deceased .....

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Date of death and age .....

Pre-purchase grave number if applicable .....

Choice of tree .....

*(Please note it is the next of kin's responsibility to contact Eden Valley to confirm a tree choice by 31<sup>st</sup> December the same year. If a tree is not specified, a hazel whip will be planted. Tree planting takes place in Jan/Feb over one weekend. All trees will be whips unless specifically requested.)*

Next of Kin (NOK).....

Relationship .....

NOK Address .....

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Tel.....Email.....

*(Please note the tree planting information will come out by email so ensure you complete this correctly otherwise there may be a delay in contacting you)*

Name of Funeral Director .....

Contact details .....

Description of coffin .....shape .....

Exact external measurements hand measured including handles (in feet and inches):

Length .....Depth .....

Width at head..... Shoulder ..... Foot .....

*(Coffins must be hand measured and the width must include the handles. Do not add anything on)*

Certificate to be presented (coroners/registrars) .....

Date/Day and Time of interment at Eden Valley.....

Name of officiator/celebrant if applicable.....

*I/we being the NOK/executors, have read, understood and agree to abide by the cemetery terms and conditions, particularly those appertaining to the placement of memorials, flowers, plants and trees on graves, also to the environmental suitability of coffins, their fixtures, grave goods and embalming. I understand Eden Valley are not responsible for any family/funeral director led activities on the site.*

Name .....Signed.....Date.....

*The Next of Kin/Executors*



## **Terms and Conditions regarding the management of the burial ground.**

This burial ground is managed by the Natural Death Centre charity. The following regulations are made to enable the company to shape and preserve a natural area for the benefit of nature and for future generation of visitors. They are essential to combine a proper respect for the dead with a suitable management and planting programme in order to create an area that is peaceful, pleasant and ecologically rich. A fitting memorial to those buried here.

The trustees ask sincerely that all visitors treat the burial ground with care and respect so that it may become a place for quiet, personal reflection.

These regulations apply to the cemetery known as Eden Valley Woodland Burial Ground.

### **General Care and Behaviour:**

No seed may be scattered on the burial ground unless approved by the company. Many seeds sold commercially as wildflower or woodland mixtures have inappropriate species or hybrids within them or come from abroad.

Picking of flowers or shrubs or the unauthorised planting of any flowers or shrubs is prohibited because it will prevent the regeneration of a natural landscape. Non-native species will be removed. Construction or maintenance of flower beds is not permitted, and no soil, peat or compost may be imported to the site.

No naturally germinated seedlings apart from bramble, thistle, nettle, and ragwort may be removed from plots. Visitors should take appropriate measures to prevent injury or poisoning from plants.

All visitors shall behave in a law abiding and appropriate manner.

Mobile phones should be turned to silent. No amplified music should be played except during funeral services.

Children must be supervised at all times. There are several water features on the site which are deep and have slippery edges.

All visitors must keep their distant from the site beehive and dress appropriately if allergic.

Dogs must be kept on leads at all times. This is especially important as we are encouraging rare ground nesting birds to breed here. The burial ground is criss-crossed by a network of permanent pathways. Some species are very sensitive to disturbance, please use the paths at all times.

Litter bins are not provided as we expect visitors to take their litter home, this includes any inappropriate plastic wrapping or fixings to floral tributes that extended family or friends may have unwittingly left on graves.

No grazing animals are allowed unless introduced by the management for conservation purposes. No shooting or hunting is permitted.



The burial ground is being redeveloped to encourage a natural landscape therefore the erection of any monuments, markers, crosses, kerbs, fence or railing will not be permitted. This was a condition when gaining our planning permission.

The placing of bird-boxes or seating is only permitted with the strictest guidance and according to availability. Vases sunk discreetly into the soil can drown small animals and will be removed.

Although the greatest care is taken to safeguard the well-being of all the trees, some will fail to thrive and others will need management, including coppicing. We reserve the right to carry out any remedial work.

Only loose cut flowers should be placed on the graves. No plastic packaging should be left and bunches of flowers may not be tied to trees or guards. Nor can any decorative items be hung from trees.

The track can only be used for cars by pre-arrangement and never from November to April.

## Terms and Conditions Regarding the Funerals.

Bodies should be not be embalmed, i.e. be free of litres of toxic chemicals; sometimes called hygienic treatment. Good funeral directors will have refrigerated facilities and this process is not necessary or required by law even if you wish to visit or view the deceased.

All coffins and their linings should be sustainably produced from natural, biodegradable materials. These coffins and shrouds are quite mainstream these days and all good funeral directors can source them.

No grave goods should be buried that will release toxins into the soil, batteries for example.

The body should be clothed in natural fibres and wrapped in degradable cloth.

If you are unsure about anything please have a chat with the staff.

No remains shall be removed from any grave in the burial ground, once interred, without a licence from the secretary of State under section 25 or the burial act 1857.

Updates to these regulations.

We reserve the right to amend, add, remove, or change the content of these regulations over time, as circumstances dictate.