



TITHE GREEN
NATURAL BURIAL

These rules govern how our natural burial sites may be used and the things you can and cannot do.

Environmentally friendly. Only fully biodegradable and environmentally friendly coffins and ashes caskets are permitted at our natural burial grounds. These include coffins made of wicker, bamboo, softwood, recycled paper (papier-mâché) and recycled board. Burials in body bags are not permitted.

A body that has been embalmed, or otherwise treated with toxic chemicals, cannot be interred at our natural burial grounds.

Memorials. Grave and tree plaques must be purchased directly from us at the time of interment at the prices stated on our website at that time. It is not possible to pre-purchase trees or plaques.

Both grave and tree plaques shall contain text only and no images or photographs are permitted. We reserve the right to remove any plaques, memorials or trinkets that we deem inappropriate, unstable or dilapidated without notice or obligation to compensate you for such removal or disposal. You are responsible for the maintenance of plaques.

Flowers may be placed on graves or memorial site. These will be removed by us when deemed appropriate in order to preserve the upkeep of the natural burial ground. 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. We will remove any flowers, plants or decorative items placed on or around a grave when deemed appropriate by us in order to preserve the upkeep of the natural burial ground.

No gardening of burial plots will be allowed. The planting of wildflowers and native woodland bulbs is permissible on graves. An approved list of plants and flowers can be provided on request. However, the picking, cutting, or pruning of wild flowers, planting of shrubs and trees, grass cutting or removal of turf on or around graves or trees is prohibited. We reserve the right to remove any plants or flowers placed on a grave or memorial site that does not conform to our approved list.

Trees. Trees purchased from us are guaranteed for 5 years from the date of planting. Please notify us if a tree dies during that period and we will replace it.

Consecration. The interment areas currently available are not consecrated. You may not request the consecration of any part of our grounds, but individual graves may be blessed.

Maintenance of our natural burial grounds. As part of our general services, we are responsible for the ongoing upkeep of our locations and maintenance of burial and ashes interment plots to ensure the long-term well-being, development and accessibility of the woodland and wildflower meadows making up our natural burial grounds. We will take such steps (including, for example, mowing certain areas at our discretion) as we deem necessary to meet this aim.

Ashes. The scattering of cremated remains is not permitted at our natural burial grounds.

Damage to burial plots. It is possible that whilst digging a burial plot that damage may be caused to an adjacent natural burial or ashes interment plot. We will ensure that such damages are promptly rectified.

Exhumation. In the unlikely event that we are required to exhume remains, we shall do so in accordance with all applicable regulation and laws in place at that time.

Pets. The burial or interment of ashes of pets and other animals is not permitted.

Personal items, money and jewellery. You should remove all personal items, money, jewellery and other valuables from the deceased prior burial.

Visiting a grave or memorial. Dogs or any other domestic animals and pets must at all times be kept on a lead and must not be allowed to run free. You are required to clean up after your animals.

All visitors to the site are requested to give due consideration, privacy and respect to any funeral, memorial ceremonies or services taking place at the time.

Visitors to the site must comply with all applicable laws and specifically shall not scatter any ashes over another grave or memorial or destroy or damage property belonging to another whether intentionally or recklessly.

A guide to plants and flowers at Tithe Green

Please find some wildflower seeds with our compliments which you might like to scatter on the burial plot or around the tree planting area. These seeds are best used in the Spring or Autumn when the earth is damp, or rain is due.

As the seasons progress wildflowers and grasses will naturally populate the burial or tree planting area.

If you would like to plant your own flowers, we ask that you choose those native to the UK, that would typically be found within a woodland, examples can be found in the list below. Please do not plant garden plants or shrubs.

We also ask that you don't garden or overly tend to the burial area, as we want nature to take hold of the area and for the site to look as natural as possible.

Below is a list of wildflowers appropriate for planting at Tithe Green. The list has been drawn up by our friends at Naturescape and includes flowers that would be best suited to our sandy soil.

Bulbs

Common Star of Bethlehem	(Ornithogalum umbellatum)	English Bluebells	(Hyacinthoides non scripta)
Grape Hyacinth	(Muscari neglectum)	Snowdrops	(Galanthus rivalis)
Woodland Anemone	(Anemone blanda)	Wild Daffodils	(Narcissus pseudonarcissus)
Winter Aconite	(Eranthus cilicica)	Wild Cyclamen	(Cyclamen hederifolia)
Snakeshead Fritillary	(Fritillaria mellagris)		

Wildflower seeds or plants

Yarrow	(Achillea millefolium)	Rough Hawkbit	(Leontodon hispidus)
Common Agrimony	(Agrimonia eupatoria)	Oxeye Daisy	(Leucanthemum vulgare)
Kidney Vetch	(Anthyllis vulneraria)	Common Toadflax	(Linaria vulgaris)
Common Knapweed	(Centaurea nigra)	Birdsfoot Trefoil	(Lotus corniculatus)
Wild Carrot	(Daucus carota)	Musk Mallow	(Malva moschata)
Viper's Bugloss	(Echium vulgare)	Ribwort Plantain	(Plantago lanceolata)
Lady's Bedstraw	(Galium verum)	Hoary Plantain	(Plantago media)
Field Scabious	(Knautia arvensis)	Cowslip	(Primula veris)
Self Heal	(Prunella vulgaris)	Meadow Buttercup	(Ranunculus acris)
Bulbous Buttercup	(Ranunculus bulbosus)	Weld	(Reseda luteola)
Yellow Rattle	(Rhinanthus minor)	Bladder Champion	(Silene vulgaris)
Dark Mullein	(Verbascum nigrum)		