

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can we hold a non-religious service?

Yes, you may have the service of your choice and if the family feel confident then you may conduct a service yourselves.

Can we hold a religious service in our chosen place of worship and then come for burial?

Yes certainly, and then your minister will take the committal/blessing at the graveside.

What is the difference from a 'normal' burial?

The primary difference between a natural burial ground and a conventional, consecrated place of burial is that the body is not embalmed and that only a shroud or biodegradable coffin (of which there are many and varied types) is used and placed in a grave.

What is a natural burial ground like?

Whilst a natural burial is defined by what happens below ground, it is what happens above ground that sets the image of natural burial environment: from wild flower meadows to establishing woodland or small copses in rural settings.

Woodland or Meadow?

A woodland burial is one where a tree is placed directly over the grave, whereas a meadow burial is in an area of open meadow.

Memorial trees can also be purchased and planted to form a woodland area adjacent to the meadow burials and it is possible to inter ashes when planting such trees.

Plaques & Trees

The location of graves and memorial trees may be marked with the placing of a slate plaque on the ground, the style and size of which must be agreed by ourselves.

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Tracie Baxter, our manager, will be happy to discuss the Burial Ground or any other enquiries you may have and may be contacted as below:

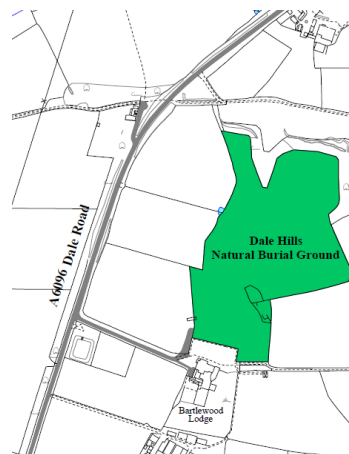
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DALE HILL

NATURAL BURIAL GROUND



A meadow and woodland burial for remembrance



ABOUT DALE HILL

Dale Hill has been part of the Locko Park Estate for over 250 years and we are committed to preserving the integrity of the area in perpetuity.

At the Dale Hill Natural Burial Ground we are creating a special place of enduring beauty within a geologically sound environment. However, unlike some other burial grounds, we are not burying in existing woodland, or preserving grazing land; we are creating a nature reserve, which is

being developed not just through sensitive planting and careful management, but with each and every memorial established.

Bodies are not subjected to any type of chemical preservation process, such as embalming, and only bio-degradable coffins, urns, or shrouds are used.



THE ETHOS OF NATURAL BURIAL

Natural burials are a way of caring for the dead with minimal impact on the environment, working to redevelop our countryside and by paying tribute to those who have died by planting trees and wild flowers. The Dale Hill site will be developed gradually and in harmony with the current ecosystem of the area by ensuring that only indigenous species of trees and flowers are planted.

Our aim is to create a peaceful and calming setting which is an alternative to the traditional cemeteries and which gives families a memorable and uplifting funeral experience.

Dale Hill NBG is open to all: whether you are using a funeral director or not, having a religious ceremony, a secular ceremony, or no ceremony at all, any type of personal belief, faith, or culture can easily be accommodated.

Each burial is therefore unique and personal.

MORE INFORMATION

Dale Hill Natural Burial Ground is able to offer grave plots for burial in eco-friendly coffins or shrouds as well as the interment of cremated remains.

Each grave plot is suitable for a single coffin or up to four cremated remains, and individual grave plots can be blessed (if desired) according to different faiths.

Grave and trees can be marked with memorial plaques and indigenous tree species, such as those listed below, are available for memorial planting

- Silver Birch** (*Betula pendula*)
- Pedunculate Oak** (*Quercus robur*)
- Sessile Oak** (*Quercus petraea*)
- Downy Birch** (*Betula pubescens*)
- Holly** (*Ilex aquifolium*)
- Field Maple** (*Acer campestre*)
- Rowan** (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
- Hazel** (*Corylus avellana*)
- Lime** (*Tilia x europaea*)
- Wild Cherry** (*Prunus avium*)

