

# FORGET ME NOT FIELDS

## NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

### SITE REGULATIONS

The burial ground is managed by Forget Me Not Fields Natural Burial Ground and the following regulations are made to enable the Company to shape, create and preserve a natural area for the benefit of nature and for future generations of visitors. These regulations 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, ecologically rich and a fitting memorial.

Forget Me Not Fields is a natural burial ground with associated standards and conditions to maintain the natural beauty of the area. Please read the following regulations carefully so you can see what's permitted on site. The management asks sincerely that all visitors treat this ground with care and respect so that it can remain a place for quiet, personal reflection.

### MEMORIALS

- Each plot may be marked by one slate plaque as ordered and installed through Forget Me Not Fields only. Each plaque will measure 300 x 300mm and must be recessed into the ground; not propped or stood-up.
- The burial ground is being developed to encourage a natural landscape therefore the erection of any other monuments, vases, kerbs, fences, flower beds, railings or any other decoration is not allowed.
- No seed may be scattered on the burial ground unless approved by the Company. Many seeds sold commercially as 'wild' or 'woodland' have inappropriate species within.
- Picking flowers or shrubs, or the unauthorised planting of any flowers or shrubs is prohibited because it will prevent the generation of a natural landscape.
- Floral tributes may be placed on the grave at the time of the funeral but they will be removed after a 3 week period. This is to allow the natural ground cover to develop. We ask that tributes are constructed using natural products and not formed with oasis and plastic as this creates a considerable disposal problem.

### GENERAL CARE

- A plan of the natural burial ground, giving the situation of each grave, is open for inspection and may be viewed during normal office hours by appointment.
- Visitors must not disturb the wildlife nor may they remove any material from the burial ground.

### BEHAVIOUR & CONDUCT

- All visitors shall behave in a law-abiding, appropriate manner.
- Mobiles should be switched to silent.
- Children must be supervised by adults at all times.
- Dogs must be kept on leads at all times and dog litter removed.
- Litter bins are not provided. It is expected that visitors will take their litter home eg. ribbon or plastic wrappings left within bunches of flowers.
- No shooting or hunting is permitted.

### BURIAL CONDITIONS

- Coffins or shrouds must be environmentally friendly (not veneer).
- We do not accept embalmed bodies - unless in exceptional circumstances.
- We reserve the right to refuse burial if appropriate conditions are not met.
- All excavations of graves and all other works are carried out either by an employee of the Company or by a person approved by them.
- No body shall be buried unless the death has been registered and the proper documentation is supplied to the Company.
- No cremated remains shall be buried, unless a certificate of cremation is supplied. This must be from an approved crematorium.
- No body shall be removed from any grave in the burial ground, once interred, without a licence from the Secretary of State under section 25 of the Burial Act 1857.
- Forget Me Not Fields Natural Burial Ground management team will remove any object placed on the site that is judged to be inappropriate to the purpose of a natural burial ground.
- At times it may be necessary to construct boarding over a plot - this will be done in a sensitive manner.