

## Hawkinge Cemetery

### The Green Area

An area at the edge of the Hawkinge cemetery has now been set aside for Green Burials, this area is for people who wish to choose an environmentally friendly and as natural as possible burial. The area will allow the burial to benefit the environment by using natural materials and by enhancing the natural flora and fauna in the area. Interments will take place grouped around the trees in the Green Area.



**These guidance notes are for the designated Green area in Hawkinge Cemetery and are in addition to the Cemetery Regulations**

#### **1. The area**

The area forms the wide margin of grassland at the outer perimeter of the established cemetery.

At present the area is grassland with established trees of mixed species including beech, whitebeam, cherry, silver birch and holly.

Following interments, and after sufficient settlement of the ground, grass and wildflower seeds and natural bulbs will be sown/planted around the graves and trees in the area. The green area will be managed for the development of the meadow and wildlife; grass cutting will be minimal allowing any plants already present to establish and flourish.

The interment fee will include meadow development (grass, wildflowers, grass cutting) over the future years.

The use of pesticides and herbicides will be discouraged in the green area

## **2. The graves**

Graves will be allocated at the time of interment. They will all be of single depth to encourage the natural microbial decomposition process. Each grave will be for one interment only. Graves will not be re-opened thus allowing the area to establish. There will be no reserves in the Green Area.

No exhumations to be permitted (except by lawful authority).



## **3. Preparation**

Coffins must be biodegradable - cardboard, standard chipboard, wicker, or if wood this must be from managed forests/renewable source or made from any other natural material. Any fixtures or fittings on the coffin must be biodegradable.

Each grave will be micro chipped by Folkestone & Hythe District Council for identification purposes

Embalming is not encouraged but will be acceptable if carried out using natural substances.

The use of machinery will be kept to a minimum during grave preparation and reinstatement.

#### **4. Memorials**

There will be no memorials on the graves

A native species tree or shrub will be planted for every grave dug in the Green Area, as a 'living memorial'.

The only time floral tributes, with all wrappings removed, will be permitted to be placed on the grave is for up to seven days following the interment.

#### **5. Fees**

Please refer to Folkestone & Hythe District Council Cemetery fees and charges for the current fee

This fee will be doubled for non-residents of the district.



#### **6. Agreement**

Please sign the agreement on the following page and return the whole document to your Funeral Director.

A copy of this signed document and the Cemetery Regulations will be sent to you.

## Agreement

I, the person named in section 14 of the Notice of Interment relating to the burial of

Deceased (full name) \_\_\_\_\_

Interment date \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby acknowledge that I understand and agree to be bound by the conditions in this document relating to the Green Area Burials at Hawkinge Cemetery and to Folkestone & Hythe District Council Cemetery Regulations.

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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