



# Yealmpton Woodland Burial Association Newsletter 2019

## Making hay while the sun shines

We purchased a new top-per last Spring to mow the meadow and keep the paths tidy. Mike Cosby, our Chairman, is also a wannabe farmer who enjoys playing with this new toy hitched to his elderly David Brown tractor.



Shown here with his son, Tom, Mike has been keeping the hedges trimmed too.

We welcome all volunteers willing to help look after our beautiful developing woodland.



## Welcome to Terry



Terry Milam, an experienced funeral celebrant took over most of the day-to-day management of the Woodland Burial last July and is our main contact person.

## Woodland Management

As trees begin to reach maturity, we have continued to invest in more rigorous pruning and clearance of unwanted vegetation.

Our aim is to maintain a natural woodland where wild flowers can flourish so mowing is mainly kept to the pathways. If you would like us to keep your plot tidier, we now offer a grave tending service — see overleaf.



For answers to the many questions we are often asked and how to reserve burial rights, see:

[www.woodlandburial.org.uk](http://www.woodlandburial.org.uk)

### Our Team:

Mike Cosby (Chairman)  
Geoff Craddock (Treasurer)  
Sheila Barton (Secretary)  
Richard Yonge  
Roger Durman  
Derek Wood  
Helen Thom  
Terry Milam (Manager)

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If you do not wish to receive future mailings from us, please let us know.*



## **NEW for 2019—prices from 1st April**

### **Chartered Plots for Ashes—£350 (£300 for reserved plots)**

We are creating a grove with chartered plots for both burial and scattering of ashes. Each plot will be 3 x 3 ft for a single interment and adjacent plots can be reserved for loved ones in the future. The grove will be pre-planted with a selection of trees and each plot covered with wild-flower turf; see below. These new groves will make graves simple to find and easier to access.

### **Ashes in Standard Chartered Plots—£800 (£750 for reserved plots)**

We will continue to offer our standard 9 x 3.5 ft plots for families who wish to have the ashes of up to 6 family members or friends interred together. A memorial tree, chosen from our approved list, is included and we encourage members to mark each of the burials with a slate plaque placed over the urn. (An administration fee of £100 is charged for each burial after the first.)

### **Islamic Burials—standard charges apply**

We are a secular association serving the needs of all religions and none. Funerals in Islam follow specific rites which some Funeral Directors are able to follow. Cremation is forbidden and the body is to be buried facing the qiblah. We have a burial grove carefully arranged to comply with that requirement.



### **Grave-tending Service—£50 pa**

We recognise that relatives may not be able to visit the graves of their loved ones as often as they might wish so we now offer an optional grave-tending service. This will provide for plots to be cut, weeded and tidied twice a year.

### **Wild-flower Turf for Graves—no charge or £50 if in addition to a tree**

We are now able to offer wild-flower turf as an alternative to a memorial tree or in addition to an existing tree. This turf is pre-sown with a variety of wild flowers and will quickly enhance graves with beautiful flowers.





**Our NEW LOGO represents the natural cycle with new life emerging into the beauty of green woodlands.**



### **Approved Vase for Cut Flowers- £20**



We do not allow plastic or non-biodegradable materials to be brought onto the site. This has been a problem for those wanting to place cut flowers on graves as a water container is needed to keep the flowers fresh. We have now sourced a vase made from bamboo which can be sunk with the rim at ground level and is biodegradable in the long term. Please ring us to order your vase.

### **We hope you like our new format?**

Two years ago we launched our re-styled website, but it has taken us a while to reflect that change in our Newsletter and other publications. Our aim has been to simplify our basic message that woodland burial is the most environmentally friendly last resting place for our loved ones and also significantly less expensive.

### **Woodland Burials help control burial costs**

There has been much recent publicity about escalating burial costs with grave plots costing as much as £2,000 in some parts of the country. As a not-for-profit association, we aim to keep our costs as low as possible whilst ensuring we maintain high standards of woodland maintenance.

### **General Data Protection Policy**

Since the introduction of the new GDPR legislation last year, we have written to all of our members and those nominated as their representatives to obtain express consent for us to hold their personal data. A big thank you to all who responded to that request.

### **Mailing Preference**

We also asked if you would like to continue receiving our annual Newsletters and other correspondence by post or if we might use email. Many of you opted for emails and that will save the Association hundreds of pounds each year in postage costs. If you wish to change from post to email (or vice versa) just let us know.

### **Tree Planting 2018 was a bit wet!**

Despite the weather, many people turned out and a total of 42 trees were planted last year. The complimentary hot drinks and cakes which were available in the field shelter were most welcome. Thank you to those who joined us.



## What a difference two months makes ...



March 2018

The road just north of the entrance  
when the 'beast from the east' struck.



May 2018

Blue skies and early flowers.

**\*\* Tree Planting day for 2019 will be SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER \*\***

Join us from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. Light refreshments provided

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019** at 7pm at Yealmpton Community Centre, Stray Park, Yealmpton, Devon, PL8 2HF

#### Agenda:

- Minutes of the AGM held on 19th April 2018
- Chairman's annual report
- Finance report
- Retirement and election of directors - see Note 1.
- Date of AGM for 2020

After the formal business, the meeting will be open to all for a question and answer session.

Note 1. All current directors shall retire but will be eligible for nomination for re-election. Any member may nominate one member or other suitable person to serve as a director. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting.

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***Note: this is not the address of the burial ground. You can find directions on our website or please phone us.***