
YEALMPTON WOODLAND BURIAL

PRÉCIS OF THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

This is a brief summary of the **rights, privileges and responsibilities** of **Yealmpton Woodland Burial Association** and its **Members**

For complete details you should refer to the current Rules of the Association, which are available upon request from the Honorary Secretary.

YWB agrees in consideration of the payment of Membership subscriptions, to:

- provide at the appropriate time a burial plots(s) within Lower Heddon
- ensure that every burial can be identified and that proper records are kept; information regarding Membership will be stored and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act. (Note – Once a person has died this Act no longer applies.)
- maintain the burial ground as a wild flower meadow until burials have taken place
- develop and maintain the burial ground for a period of 50 years from the date of payment or until the burial ground is full and/or has been passed on to another appropriate organisation whichever shall be the earlier
- accept the Member's right to assign the burial plot(s) subject to formal notification
- notify members or their personal representatives when the Annual General Meeting will take place.

Members agree:

- to act in accordance with the Rules of the Association
- to ensure that everything brought onto the site is biodegradable and/or made from renewable sources
- to instruct a funeral director not to use plastic, embalming fluid or any other chemical or material harmful to the environment
- not to bring pets onto the site
- to provide the contact information for a person who will act as their next-of-kin or representative. The nominated representative will not acquire the right to be buried at Lower Heddon unless they pay the appropriate Membership subscription
- that use of the ground around an ashes burial (and placement of a plaque) is restricted to a square metre, and the area of the grave for all other burials.

Members understand that:

- in subscribing for a burial plot, they do not acquire any ownership or title to that plot
- Membership subscription is only for the right of burial and does not include funeral costs or grave digging
- the permitted form of memorial will be a native English tree and an inscribed plaque consistent with our guidelines.
- to maximise their chance of survival, planting of trees will be in the winter; some trees may need to be removed by thinning as the woodland develops.
- in the course of our maintenance programme, some backfilling of burial plots may take place. Members wishing to be informed of this need to register their interest in advance.
- funds accrued in excess of an amount considered appropriate to our future needs, will be used for the benefit of the local community.

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