

Cemeteries Department

Woodvale Lodge
Lewes Road
Brighton
BN2 3QB



Purchase Application Form for the Woodland Valley Natural Burial Ground

We wish to acquire the Grant of Ownership to the Exclusive Right of Burial to a grave space, as detailed below, for a period of 50 years.

Do you wish to buy a plot that is suitable for ashes only? Yes No

We request that the Deed of Grant be made to* (A maximum of two people can become owners of the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial of a grave space. Having two people owning the Grants negates the necessity of applying for a transfer of ownership when the single owner dies.)

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In applying for the Exclusive Right of Burial, we hereby agree that we understand and support the ethos of the Natural Burial Ground where graves will not be delineated but simply marked and managed in line with the details overleaf. We also agree to abide by the Cemetery Rules, including the Special Regulations detailed overleaf. We also acknowledge that any unauthorised item(s) will be removed from the grave space. The size of the grave space is 7ft by 2ft 8in (not applicable to ashes only plots). If the coffin to be buried is larger than 6ft 10in by 2ft 5in, you may not be able to use this space.

Signed and Dated:

*Please note that the information provided in this application will be recorded in Statutory Registers and used to produce a legally binding Deed of Ownership – it therefore needs to be in full and accurate.

Fees See current schedule of fees and charges published elsewhere on our website.

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/woodvale

Please call to make a payment by phone or send a cheque made payable to Brighton & Hove City Council with this form to the address above.

Office use only

Receipt Number	Purchase Number	Block / Section	Purchase Fee
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Woodland Valley Natural Burial Ground

Special Regulations

A natural burial is for those wanting a more environmentally friendly means of burial, rather than a neat grave with a traditional headstone. Woodland Valley is managed for the benefit of wildlife, and therefore the grass is cut less frequently and at the times that most benefit the promotion of native and wild plants.

Woodland Valley Natural Burial Ground is set within the South Downs National Park and the chalk grassland and the woodland to the north are part of a mosaic of diverse habitats supporting a range of birds, plants, reptiles and mammals. The burial ground will be managed to increase the range of native flowering plant species typical of chalk meadow and to support the associated pollinating insects that feed on them. Along with other species rich sites, Woodland Valley is a stop along wildflower corridors allowing those pollinators to move throughout the South Downs.

The grounds contain a specially designed bee and butterfly bank planted with nectar rich species to attract these insects. Shrub beds have been included to provide a permanent framework of shelter and enclosure. These areas will be cut on a 3-5 year cycle to manage their size and maintain the seasonal colour from their stems and flowers.

As part of our ongoing aim to increase the biodiversity, bulbs and wildflowers can be purchased through Woodvale Lodge. These will then be planted in the bee and butterfly bank, woodland glade or other appropriate parts of the grounds by our gardeners. A packet of native chalk downland wildflower seeds will be given out at the time of a burial to be sown later after the ground has settled.

Burials

To keep the burial ground as natural as possible, only bio-degradable coffins, caskets or shrouds are permitted. Wooden coffins are accepted without metal or plastic fittings and must be manufactured from timber felled in managed forests. Shrouds must be made from natural materials and fixed to wooden boards.

After the burial the grave will be mounded for up to a year while the ground settles. The grave surface will be levelled and sown with a special mixture of chalk downland species. When the area has established itself, it will be cut with the surrounding meadow and no delineation of the grave space will remain. This will respect the wishes of those who require such a setting as a permanent final resting place for their remains.

Grave Marker

A carved oak plaque can be placed on the grave and cut flowers can be placed by the marker but must be free of any plastic or non-compostable wrapping or ties.

Summary

1. No memorial other than an oak plaque (ordered through Woodvale Lodge) and native chalk downland wildflowers shall be placed on or in the turf.
2. Any cut flowers laid on a grave must be free of any non-biodegradable wrapping.
3. After burial, the grave surface will settle over the next few years. This will be monitored and topped up by grounds staff when weather and soil conditions allow.

For Funeral Directors

I have made my clients aware of the above rules and regulations.

Signature:

Date: