

# MEMO TREES

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These terms and conditions are designed to remind visitors of their responsibility in ensuring the scenic quality and biodiversity of the burial ground is protected. We thank you for your support is helping us keep our site as natural as possible.

We are available to all faiths, religious and secular beliefs. The land is not consecrates but individual graves may be blessed if desired.

All visitors to the site are requested to give due consideration, privacy and respect to any funeral or memorial service that may be taking place. If such a ceremony is taking place then we ask for all mobile phones to be switched off during your visit.

To ensure we keep the site as natural as possible so require families to refrain from any gardening of burial plots. This includes grass cutting or removal of turf on or around graves or trees. The site will be mown in the autumn after seeding to allow flora and fauna to thrive and to ensure we remain carbon positive. Paths may be mowed or strimmed more regularly to allow access to the various parts of the site.

No marking of the grave is allowed in anyway, except by the approved memorial tree or plaque supplied by Memotrees. In keeping with our natural burial ground, any artificial flowers, oasis, plastics, ornaments, photos, chimes etc. will be removed and disposed of without warning.

Containers such as vases, pots, bottles or baskets are not permitted and will also be removed.

The planting of wild flowers is permissible but this does not include potted plants, bedding plants, ferns, heathers, roses etc.

The picking, cutting or pruning of flowers, shrubs and trees is prohibited.

Litter is to be disposed of in the bin in the car park. Alternatively, please take your litter away with you.

There are currently no toilet facilities at the site so please ensure you have a comfort stop prior to arriving.

The dry stone walls around the site are very old and home to an array of wildlife. They are unstable and we ask that you refrain from climbing or leaning on them for safety reasons.

The burial ground is not a manicured park and the surface ground is very uneven so please ensure that sensible and sturdy footwear be worn. Yes, it is perfectly acceptable to wear Wellington boots to a funeral, especially if the weather has been wet as the ground is likely to be soft.

During the winter months it can be very cold and windy and given that services are held outside we recommend lots of appropriate warm and weatherproof clothing.

Dogs and other animals or pets must be kept on a lead at all times. Please clean up after them.

Visitors must not unnecessarily disturb the wildlife and must refrain from shooting or hunting.

No camping or overnight stays are allowed without permission of the owners who can advise.

Children are welcome and encouraged but please keep them safe and supervise them at all times.

Funeral Directors must be informed that the coffin or container **MUST** be made of bio-degradable material, (no plastic or metal handles, plaques or plastic liners).

Funeral Directors must also be informed that the use of chemical preservation treatments is **NOT** permitted unless in exceptional circumstances, such as repatriation, and Memotrees must be informed.

We only accept the use of fully bio-degradable and environmentally friendly coffins and urns. These include those made of wicker, bamboo, soft wood, recycled paper and recycled board. Shrouds made of natural materials such as wool or cotton are also acceptable. Chipboard, hardwoods such as oak, teak, elm are not acceptable. We do not accept plastic liners either.

Interments cannot take place until the death has been legally registered and the appropriate documentation has been supplied to Memotrees.

Created remains can be interred in a bio-degradable urn or box or alternatively, they can be poured directly into the plot and mixed in directly with the root ball of the tree. Plastic urns supplied by some crematoria are not suitable and cannot be interred here at Memotrees.

The scattering of cremated remains is allowed but please speak to us first with regards to suitable areas within the site.

The owners will carry out the digging of the grave and any associated work. Family of the deceased may assist by prior arrangement should they choose but no liability will be accepted for any accidents that occur during this time. All fees will remain the same.

Flowers and other tributes may be placed on graves at the time of interment. However, please understand that to ensure the site stays true to its ethos, any artificial materials such as ribbons, oasis, plastics etc. will be removed without notice and disposed of after a period of 5-7 days.

We do make an exception to this rule at Christmas when wreaths can be laid from 10 days before 25<sup>th</sup> December until 10 days after, when they will again, be removed.

All pre-planted trees that are dedicated or trees planted following a burial will be guaranteed for 10 years. If a tree should falter during that time then it will be replaced with a new one of the same variety free of charge. Please remember that some species of trees grow quicker and more vigorously than others so the woodland will develop at different rates.

The meadows and woodland will eventually be returned to nature and Memotrees encourages an understanding that the site as a whole is a lasting memorial.

In order to allow for tree management plots will be allocated sequentially in surveyed plots in the order in which they burials take place.

Families may choose plots in a different location should they be available. Please discuss this with us during a visit.

Families may purchase plots adjoining the deceased prior to or at the time of the deceased funeral but we cannot guarantee this afterwards as the adjoining plots may get purchased in the meantime

Each grave is accurately recorded and location details are recorded and retained on a Burial Register.

All vehicles are parked and will be left at the owner's risk. If you require disabled parking during a funeral please make this known to us and we will direct you to a suitable space. If assistance to the burial ground from the car park is required please let us know in advance and we can arrange transport in a 4 x 4 vehicle.

Please walk on the mowed pathways from early spring until the hay crop has been cut.

We are open daily from daylight until dusk. Should you wish to visit outside of these times then for health, safety and security reasons please inform us in advance and allow us to assist.

These terms and conditions will be altered according to need from time to time and such alterations will be at the discretion of Memotrees. We reserve the right to comply with standards set out by our monitoring organisation, ANBG.

I hereby agree to the terms and conditions detailed above.

Name in print:

Signed:

Date: