BATH
SOMERSET
NATURAL BURIAL MEADOW
The meadow at Bath is a peaceful, natural place. It is somewhere special to spend time listening to the birdsong in the surrounding woodland and taking in the fine views that stretch across the Midford valley, a place of escape, away from it all.
In the peace of wild things

The meadow lies within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Sheep, our ‘natural lawn mowers’, will continue to graze the meadow to preserve the pastoral landscape.

Together with the pond, the heritage orchard, that is being restored with memorial trees, will encourage a richly varied biodiversity and will help safeguard historic varieties of apples.
Memorial trees

Heritage apple and other native trees are planted during the winter months. See our website for details.

Each tree comes with a dedication plaque, mulch and guard, and we will be there on the day to help.

In the Spring the trees will be laden with blossom, followed by ripening fruit in the Autumn, continuing nature’s natural cycle.
Who you’ll meet there

Our custodian Sally and her mother Janet the landowner look after the burial meadow. Both live nearby.

Sally would be happy to meet you there, to walk with you and talk about what works well. She will also be there on the day of the funeral to give any assistance.

“A beautiful resting place for my husband, run by caring, sympathetic people.”
How it works
Natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. Being fully sustainable the meadow will remain as it is now, permanent pasture - real, farmed countryside.

In advance
- Visit the burial meadow and spend time there getting to know it and deciding whether it’s right for you.
- Download an application form from our website, or phone us and we’ll send you an information pack.
- Pre-purchase at today’s rate. Standing orders over 10 or 20 months are available.

Practicalities
We recommend stout footwear as the ground is uneven. A foldable chair is a good idea for those who find it difficult to stand. And remember, there’s no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong sort of clothes...

When planning a funeral
- Complete an interment form to let us know your plans for the day so that we can help you achieve your wishes.
- Make the arrangements yourself or your funeral director can do this for you.
- Book the date and time with us. Burials can take place 10am-3pm and weekends are also available.
Finding the spot

When you visit you can use the location plan and measurements we send you to find the position of the grave, or we can flag the spot for you. We also provide GPS coordinates and a QR code so that you can use your smartphone to point you in the right direction.
More time and space

The meadow is tranquil and private. An unhurried and gentle place to get away from it all.

Bring the dogs, which have often been constant companions and offer comfort at difficult times.

Afterwards it is a place of escape; somewhere quiet to take one step at a time, close to wildlife, with your memories, throughout the seasons.

Flowers

In natural surroundings flower arrangements should not include any wire, plastics or oasis. Perhaps include a couple of leeks from the veg patch or a hand-tied bouquet from florists who source locally. You may like to scatter single stems or petals into the grave as a tribute.
Make the day your own

The meadow gives you the freedom to be yourselves completely. Whether you are planning a simple interment with only a few in attendance or a larger funeral event we will offer inspiration, support and guidance, so you can organise the day exactly as you’d like it.

“A sad occasion became full of love, friendship and time for reflection”
The vision for Bath
Janet and her family decided to have a natural burial ground to help preserve Midford’s idyllic landscape and protect the land from development.

There are no paths or headstones - the meadow as you see it now is how it will look in the future.
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