

Before requesting a burial at the site please consider the following points relating to the future maintenance of plots.

The site is administered by the Butler Memorial Trust and the aim of the trustees is to provide a more natural, tranquil and environmentally friendly ALTERNATIVE to conventional burial rather than to create a cemetery or a memorial garden.

The burial ground lies within a nature reserve. The aim of the trustees is that plots return to nature and are not carefully tended graves. To facilitate maintenance and to minimise impact on the natural environment (including the visual environment) it is necessary to impose some 'rules' pertaining to the marking and maintenance of plots:

- appropriate NATIVE plants may be planted on graves but please be aware that future maintenance may include mowing or grazing over plots. It may also be necessary to 'top up' a plot that has sunk, potentially covering anything planted on the grave. The trust does not guarantee the success of any plants on a plot or undertake to alter the maintenance regime to accommodate them. Advice should be sought from the Trust if you are unsure what plants are appropriate. 'Weeding' of plots is discouraged. A weed is simply a plant in the wrong place, in this setting grass, plantains etc are not weeds but desirable native plants.
- any marker placed on the grave must be flat, of wood or natural stone and must not exceed 12" (30cm) in any direction.
- markers must be placed flat on the grave. UPRIGHT MARKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED. This is partly to facilitate maintenance of the site and partly to preserve its unspoiled visual character.

The burial ground will be maintained by the trust as befits a nature reserve and any plants or objects considered inappropriate may be removed.

Please contact the trust if you would like more information or guidance.

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