

Scattering Ashes

AYLESBURY VALE natural burial meadow

Location

Ashes scattering should be carried out within the new woodland copse at the north-western corner of the burial meadow. Please choose a memorable spot and thinly strew the ashes in that area. (see site plan overleaf).

Please do not scatter ashes on a grave without previously submitting to us the express written permission of the next of kin of the person buried there.

Choose a time for the scattering

Contact us with a date when you would like to scatter the ashes (more than a week in advance would be helpful). If you haven't already done so, complete and return to us the ashes scattering form to confirm these details.

When the time and date is fixed, we will let our custodian know you're coming. The burial meadow is not manned, but we can make arrangements to meet you there.

Choose a container

You'll need to bring the ashes in a container. It's a good idea to check this beforehand in case it is sealed and needs a screwdriver, knife or scissors to open it. Scatter-tubes are ideal—your funeral director or the crematorium can provide these.

A service or gathering

For most of our families, scattering ashes is an informal, personal and quiet occasion with close family and/or friends. However, a scattering can provide an opportunity to formally commemorate the person who has died. If you want to make an occasion of it, ask a family member, church minister, celebrant, humanist or friend to conduct a service.

Think about offering each person the chance to scatter some of the ashes to include everyone.

You could, of course, ask your funeral director to be there and to help you make arrangements. Agree their services, timetable and costs in advance.

Do consider the needs of elderly, infirm and disabled friends and relatives; remember to tell those attending the burial ground that the ground conditions might be uneven and muddy underfoot – stout footwear is recommended and Wellington boots and umbrellas would be a good idea if rain is forecast.

Decide how the ashes will be carried from the parking area to the chosen place – again, remember that the ground might be uneven and muddy.

Provide people with directions on how to get to the burial meadow - our brochures and website have a map of the locations.

How will the scattering be recorded?

The scattering is recorded in the burial ground's Register together with all of the details provided on the forms. The locations of scattered remains are not recorded, but you will receive a certificate from us afterwards to record the event.

Flowers and floral arrangements

A few flowers left in the scattering area is a nice idea, but large arrangements, wrapped in plastic or set in Oasis foam should not be left. It's best to take them with you to brighten the room where you are holding a gathering afterwards. We will remove wilted flowers after a week.

Instead of buying flowers, please ask people to consider making donations to the local wildlife trust or a local hospice - this is something that we actively support.

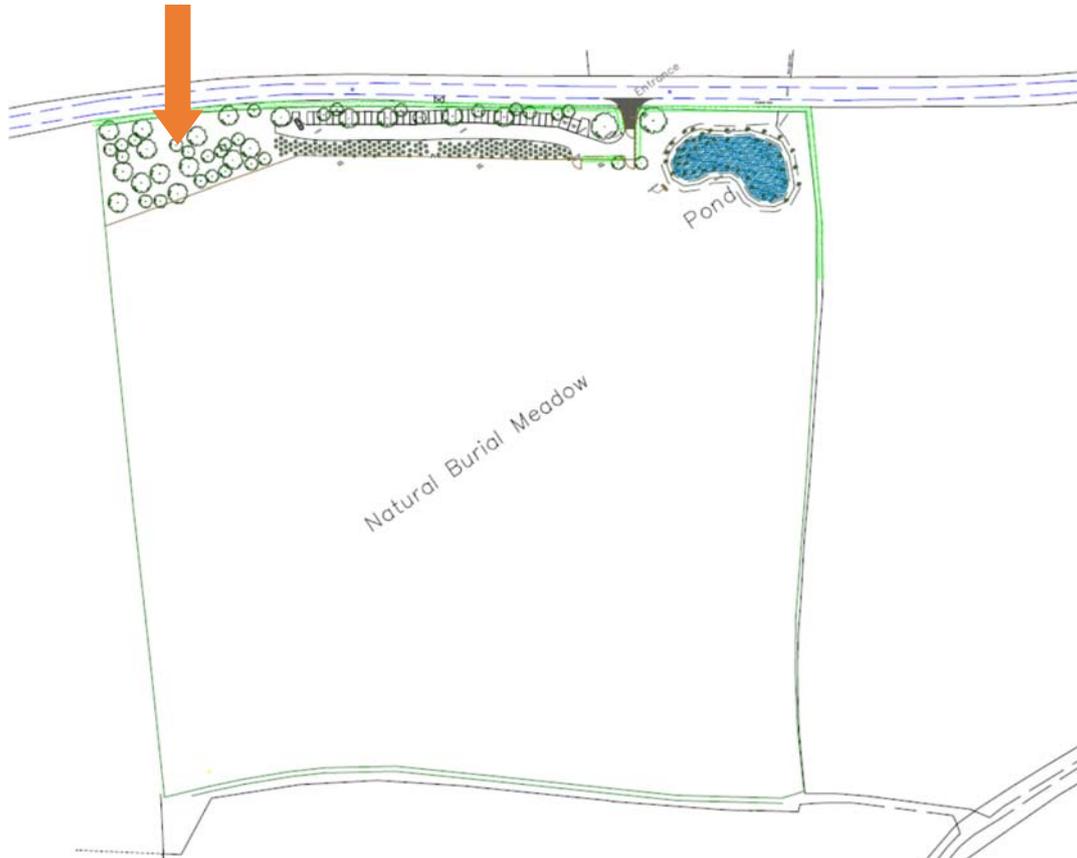
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