



# Kent Natural Burials Limited

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## Plot Prices

Adult: single plot	£750
Adult: double plot (side-by-side)	£1450
Baby: single plot (0-3 years)	£150
Child: single plot (up to 12 years)	£450
An interment of ashes plot	£295
Family ashes plot (4 ashes plus room for a central tree)	£895

## Maintenance Fee

This is a one off fee payable at time of plot purchase for the future maintenance of the burial ground £40 per plot including family plots  
£20 per single ashes plot.

## Grave Preparation and Administration

Grave preparation and administration charges applicable at the time of need only:

Adult: single plot	£585
Baby: single plot (0-3 years)	£80
Child: single plot (up to 12 years)	£320
Interment of ashes	£265
Log grave marker	£25

Saturday burial - a nominal charge of £150 would be added.

Saturday interment of ashes a nominal charge of £80 would be added to cost per interment.

These prices are current but once a plot is paid for it yours, whether it's occupied now, or in 50 or so years hence. Payment: payment on-line, cheque (made payable to Kent Natural Burials Ltd) or cash (No stamp duty or VAT is liable plot purchases.)

## Please note following conditions:

The planting of local native trees and local native flowers by Kent Natural Burials Ltd plus maintenance of the burial ground, is included in the price. The maintenance fee will be placed in a separate account so that when the burial ground is full it can be cared for as a nature reserve in the future.

It must be pointed out that if every grave were planted with a tree, strong growth and long tree life would not occur. Therefore we will advise you which plots are available within the planting plan. Bear in mind that as time passes the tree canopies will eventually cover all those woodland areas. We can offer a small selection of bushes that can be planted in areas where tree planting is not available.





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## Trees available for the woodland areas

**Whitebeam** Chalk tolerant member of the Rosacea family which will be coppiced. Cherry like fruits but drops leaves very early.

**Hawthorn** Good food source for birds.

**Hazel** Good dormouse food source. Will be coppiced

**Wild Cherry** The cherries are relished by small mammals and birds

**Crab Apple** Slow growing

**Silver Birch** Valuable as a food source for hundreds of insects

**Field Maple** Will be coppiced, lovely yellow colour in autumn.

**Spindle** Unusual geometric shaped, pink berries

## Bushes available for other areas:

**Holly** Evergreen

**Guelder Rose** Fast growing shrub, colourful leaves and berries.



Whitebeam



Hazel



Hawthorn



Field Maple



Wild Cherry



Spindle



Crab Apple



Silver Birch



Holly



Guelder Rose

It must be pointed out that if every grave were planted with the tree, strong growth and long tree life would not occur. Therefore we will advise you which plots are available within the planting plan. For example, if you had envisaged being beneath a Whitebeam, even if this was not planted directly on top of your plot you would still be under its eventual canopy if you were several yards to one side.

There are many varieties of wild woodland plants that can be planted, moved and then replanted. However, we recommend plants, seeds and bulbs from one nursery only so as to avoid the native plants being sold by some nurseries which turn out to be hybrids and would have to be removed.

**'Naturescape' in Nottingham Tel: 01949 860592**

Please remember it is not intended to maintain the burial ground as a manicured park land but to encourage a natural wild area which remains accessible and a pleasure to visit.





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## REGULATIONS

This burial ground is managed by **Kent Natural Burials Ltd**. The following regulations are made to enable the Company to shape and preserve a natural area for the benefit of nature and for future generations of visitors. They are essential to combine a proper respect for the dead with a suitable management and planting program in order to create an area that is peaceful, pleasant, ecologically rich and a fitting memorial.

*The directors ask sincerely that all visitors treat the burial ground with care and respect so that it may become a place for quiet, personal reflection.*

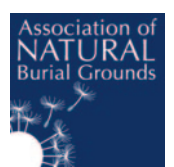
These regulations apply to the cemeteries owned by **Kent Natural Burials Ltd**.

### General care and behaviour:

**No seeds may be scattered on the burial-ground unless approved by the Company. Many seeds sold commercially as 'wild' or 'woodland' have inappropriate species within the mixture or come from abroad.**

**Picking of flowers, shrubs, or the unauthorised planting of any flowers or shrubs is prohibited because it will prevent the regeneration of a natural landscape. Construction or maintenance of flowerbeds is not permitted. No naturally germinated seedlings apart from bramble, thistle and nettle may be weeded from the plots.**

- A plan of the cemeteries, giving the co-ordinates of each grave, is open for inspection and maybe viewed during normal office hours by appointment.
- All visitors shall behave in a law-abiding, appropriate manner.
- Mobiles should be switched to silent.
- Dogs must be kept only at all times. This is especially important as we are encouraging rare nesting birds to breed there.
- The burial ground is criss-crossed by a network of pathways. Some species are very sensitive to disturbance please use the paths at all times.
- Litter bins are not provided. It is expected that visitors will take their litter home e.g. ribbon or plastic wrapping left within bunches of flowers.
- No grazing animals are allowed unless introduced by management for conservation purposes.
- The burial ground is being redeveloped to encourage a natural landscape; therefore the erection of any monuments, kerbs, fences or railings is not allowed nor is the placing of bird boxes or seating. Similarly, vases sunk discreetly into the soil will drown invertebrates and will be removed.
- Visitors must not disturb the wildlife nor may they remove any material from the burial-ground. No shooting or hunting is permitted.
- Kent Natural Burials Ltd will remove any object placed in the cemetery that is judged to be inappropriate to the purpose of a natural burial ground. Although the greatest care is taken to safeguard the well-being of all the trees, some will fail to thrive and others will need management, including coppicing. We reserve the right to carry out any remedial work or removal of trees that are inhibiting the full development of the planting plan.





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## Organising a funeral and reserving graves

**When required, we are available immediately or you can purchase your plot in advance.**

We do not provide a full Funeral Director Service, but work alongside your chosen funeral provider. Some families choose to carry out the whole or part of the funeral themselves and we can put them in touch with suppliers and help with all the procedures on the day.

We welcome people of all faiths and beliefs. Some families choose to hold a full service at the graveside, others have a service at church and then come to the burial-ground. Others have a small, private interment followed by a memorial service on another day. There is no time limit; families may have as much time as they need.

If you are purchasing a plot in advance you will be given a 'right of burial certificate'. This will show the type of plot chosen and its location co-ordinates within the site. To pre-purchase a plot, please contact us to arrange a visit so that you can make a selection in an area you like.

We will dig and refill the grave, satisfy all the legal notifications of burial and record the exact position of the grave.

As a natural burial ground we welcome bio-degradable, non-toxic coffins and ashes caskets. Traditional, wooden coffins are acceptable, as long as they are made with wood taken from managed, sustainable forests. It must be noted that we do not permit non-degradable linings or plastics: e.g. the handles, linings and pillows etc. should be made from, and stuffed with natural fibres. We do allow people to be buried with possessions, books, money, jewellery, food etc but these must be made from natural materials.

We discourage embalming.

We reserve the right to refuse burial if the above conditions are not met.

The purchase of a burial plot is for the right of burial in the plot only and does not confer ownership of the ground or any other rights.

All excavations of graves and all other works are carried out either by an employee of the company or by a person approved by them. It is possible (under supervision) for families, who so wish, to dig and/or backfill the graves themselves.

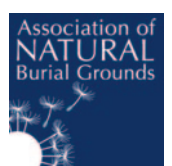
Floral tributes may be placed on the grave at the time of the funeral but they will be removed after a reasonable period. This is to allow the natural groundcover to develop. We ask that tributes are constructed using natural products and not formed with oasis and plastic trays as this creates a considerable disposal problem.

To preserve the natural surroundings we do not permit headstones or other permanent graveside memorials.

No body shall be buried unless the death has been registered and the proper documentation is supplied to the Company.

No cremated remains shall be buried, unless a certificate of cremation is supplied. This will be from an approved crematorium.

No body shall be removed from any grave in the burial ground, once interred, without a license from the Secretary of State under section 25 of the Burial Act 1857.





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## Notice of Interment: .....

Full name of deceased .....

Full address of deceased .....

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..... Postcode .....

Date of death/age ..... Pre-purchase reference if applicable .....

Next of Kin ..... Relationship .....

Address of next of kin .....

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Postcode ..... Email .....

Telephone and mobile number .....

Name of funeral director and contact no .....

Description of Coffin/Casket .....

Exact external dimensions of coffin: Length ..... Depth .....

Width at: Head ..... Shoulder ..... Foot .....

**Please note: - our graves are dug by hand, we charge £100 supplement for coffins over 6ft 9" or 26" wide**

Certificate to be presented (Registrar's, Coroners etc) .....

Day and date of interment .....

Time of interment .....

Name and address of the officiator .....

I (we) being the applicant, have read, understood and agree to abide by the seller cemetery regulations, particularly those appertaining to the placement of memorials and flowers on Graves, also to the environmental suitability of coffin and their fixtures

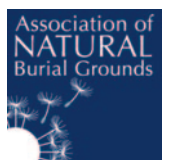
Signature of next of kin ..... Date .....

### Payment Details:

Online Bank Details: Account No: 81627570 Sort Code: 40-42-04

Cheques: Made payable to Kent Natural Burials Ltd

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## Application for a license to occupy a burial space/pre-payment form at .....

Full name of applicant .....

Full address .....

..... Postcode .....

Telephone number ..... Email .....

Plot ..... Type: Single/Double/Family .....

Preferred planting .....

Type of coffin .....

Certificate to be left in the care of .....

Next of kin and address .....

..... Postcode .....

Relationship ..... Telephone number .....

Religion faith other .....

Specific requests .....

Should your plot remain unoccupied with 20 years from date of purchase we would require that you contact us to re-sign at no extra cost, to confirm that you still wish to be buried with us. Of course if you move home you will still need to notify us. We are only able to credit a plot under special circumstance (those being moving to another country or distant county. An administration fee of £100 would be charged per burial plot credited).

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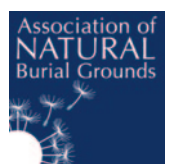
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## Right of Burial Certificate and Authority

Kent Natural Burials Ltd grant to:

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of .....

The exclusive right of burial in respect of plot/grave number .....

Type ..... Ref. Points .....

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At Riverview Natural Burial Ground, Wardwell Lane, Lower Halstow, Kent ME9 7BF

The Owner hereby gives consent to and authorises Kent Natural Burials Ltd to open the set grave for the purpose of his/her interment or that of any person whom he/she may wish to allow burial of within the said grave.

The Owner hereby agrees to indemnify Kent Natural Burials Ltd in respect of any claims, actions, demands or liabilities whatsoever arising from or in consequence of the giving of this consent and authority and the opening of the said grave.

**Please note:** clients that are pre-purchasing plots - should your plot remain unoccupied within 20 years from date of purchase, we require that you contact us and re-signed at no extra cost, to confirm that you still wish to be buried with us along with updating contact details including change of address.

Signed ..... Dated .....

*For and on behalf of Kent Natural Burials Ltd*

Signed ..... Dated .....

*The Owner(s)*

