
HACKPEN NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

Hackpen Cross, nr Ashill, Devon EX15 3LU



We offer affordable natural burials in a meadow on the southwest side of Hackpen Hill, surrounded by mature trees. Ashes can also be buried or scattered, and plots reserved in advance. It's a beautiful, peaceful and wild location, with abundant wildlife including a small herd of roe deer. At the edge of the Blackdown Hills, it has far-reaching views across the Culm Valley to Exmoor beyond.

The burial ground has no gravestones or mementos on the graves themselves, and no buildings or tarmac. All materials used in our burials are biodegradable and the meadow flowers every year before being cut for hay. The simplicity of this setting provides a perfect resting place for those who feel at home in nature.

Families can plant a memorial tree in the young woodland below the burial meadow, and add a natural slate plaque for remembrance. Planting wild flowers on graves and around the trees is welcome. We use native trees likely to thrive in the local conditions, creating a new community woodland together. There is a special sheltered corner for children, babies and miscarriages where smaller memorial trees can be planted.

Ceremonies can include any religious tradition or none at all, and be designed by families in a personal way for those who have died. You can take all the time and space you need on the day, with temporary shelter and seating. Parking for up to 20 cars is available on site.

Families and friends can use the burial ground for contemplation, a walk or a picnic, and we are always open during daylight hours.

We can be contacted directly or through your funeral director, and we like to meet you and talk through any questions and thoughts you may have, before or after a bereavement, to ensure we provide exactly what you need.



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