

GREEN BURIALS



St Albans City and District Council has recognised the interest in green burials and of its many benefits to wildlife. In response to this interest the Council have made available an area within Hatfield Road Cemetery for green burials. In a previously unused part of the cemetery, adjoining the Alban Way boundary, a small area with space for about 80 new graves (not reclaimed) has been laid out for those who wish to have a grave in a quiet secluded place with wildflowers and trees.

Graves may be marked with a wooden memorial, either an upright 18” log provided by the cemetery or one carved or placed by the family. Stone headstones or outlining of the grave will not be permitted.

Eco friendly and biodegradable coffins such as cardboard, willow or bamboo would be most appropriate but no chipboard or metal.

Cut flowers only may be placed on the grave, without a container.

Graves will be single depth only and a second adjacent grave may be reserved at the time of the first burial on payment of the purchase fee.

Cremated remains may also be interred either loose or in an eco-friendly container around the edges of the green burial area, amongst the trees.

The area has been sown with a wildflowers mix and will be cut back twice each year. The overgrown boundary hedges have been coppiced and new trees planted in the gaps. It will be a few years before the hedges regenerate. A grass path is kept mown for access and to enable graves to be dug by mini digger. Two rustic benches have been constructed from wood felled from Commons by horses.

If you would like to view the area or find out more please contact:

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