Woodland Valley
Natural Burial Ground
Overlooking the South Downs and sea

Woodingdean, Brighton
Woodland Valley

Set on the edge of the city overlooking the sea and the South Downs in Woodingdean, Woodland Valley Natural Burial Ground offers a peaceful environment to lay your loved ones to rest. Situated within the Lawn Memorial Cemetery and planted with a range of suitable trees and features, Woodland Valley has been designed to create a meadow and woodland burial ground for interment and cremated remains.

The cemetery is divided into sections with all of the grave spaces accurately recorded on maps.

Burial plots and cremated remains plots are both available. Up to two sets of remains can be buried in a cremated remains plot. Alternatively you can choose to scatter cremated remains in either our Sea View or Woodland Glade scattering areas.
A natural burial is for those wanting a more environmentally friendly means of burial, rather than a neat grave with a traditional headstone. Woodland Valley is managed for the benefit of wildlife, and therefore the grass is cut less frequently in many areas.

To keep the burial ground as natural as possible, only biodegradable coffins, caskets or shrouds are permitted. Wooden coffins are accepted without metal or plastic fittings, and must be manufactured from timber felled in managed forests. Shrouds must be made from natural materials and fixed to wooden boards. A homemade coffin can be accepted if it meets the required standard and is approved at least three days prior to the burial.

As with our existing woodland burial grounds, Woodland Valley is available to everyone, irrespective of faith or religion.

**Purchasing a grave**

Plots can be pre-purchased or purchased at the time of burial.

If you would like to pre-purchase a grave you can download an application form from our website, make an appointment at Woodvale Lodge or telephone the office for more information. If you are purchasing at the time of burial your Funeral Director can assist you with the required paperwork.
Memorialisation

The owner of the grave is permitted to plant native wild flowers on the grave, to remain in keeping with the woodland setting. Other plants are not permitted and will be removed.

A wooden memorial plaque with a choice of engraving is available to place on the grave. Please refer to our website for more information, or contact Woodvale Lodge.

A commemorative bench plaque can also be purchased. Situated within the grounds of the cemetery, each bench can accommodate up to five plaques.

Stone memorials and ornaments of any kind are not permitted and will be removed.

For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact Bereavement Services on 01273 604020 or email: woodvale@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Car parking is available within the cemetery grounds. Public transport links are also available.

**Opening times**

The grounds are open 365 days a year. Monday to Saturday from 9am, Sunday and public holidays from 11am. The grounds are closed at 4pm between October and March and 5.30pm between April and September.

There is a disabled toilet within the Lawn Memorial Cemetery, but please note it is only open on weekdays, excluding public holidays.

Visit:  [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/naturalburial](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/naturalburial)

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