

Pentiddy Natural Burials - Frequently asked Questions

Are trees planted over the graves?

Some graves have a tree, but generally you should not expect a tree over a grave. At Pentiddy Natural Burials, people are buried in an area designed to become a mature high canopy woodland, and the hope is that the whole woodland become a memorial to those within it.

Can the graves be marked?

No, they can not. Pentiddy Natural Burials offers a memorial board on which brass plaque may be mounted. Plaques can be organised through Pentiddy Natural Burials.

How will I or my family know where a grave is once it has blended into the woodland?

All grave locations are accurately surveyed and recorded by Pentiddy Natural Burials. If you wish to accurately locate a plot please arrange an appointment.

Are single and double graves available?

Yes. Both single and double graves are available at either single or double depth.

How is the wood managed and what plans are there for the future?

In the short-term the site is being managed as wood-pasture for ease of working and access; in the longer term it will evolve into a native woodland, using sustainable and ecological principles, and sufficient funds will be set aside to ensure ongoing maintenance costs are covered once the burial ground is full. More details on the management of the site is available on our website. www.pentiddynaturalburials.co.uk

When is the site open?

The site is public access and is open 365 days/year. If you require assistance to locate a plot or wish to be guided around the site please phone Pentiddy Natural Burials first. Please keep these enquiries within normal office hours.

What type of coffin can be used?

You may use any type of biodegradable coffin or casket, or a shroud. There are many options available- all funeral directors have plenty of information, and a simple internet search yields good results.

What about embalming?

We will accept embalmed bodies only in very exceptional circumstances, such as repatriation, given the toxic nature of the materials used in the process.

Do I need a funeral director?

No you do not, but this is not a service we offer ourselves. All local funeral directors are familiar with Pentiddy Natural Burials, and will be happy to help you. We will also readily assist funeral directors from other parts of the country with any arrangements. Further advice is also available from the Natural Death Centre. <http://www.anbg.co.uk>

Do I need a Minister?

You are welcome to use whoever you wish, of any or no faith to conduct a funeral at Pentiddy.

Who prepares the grave?

For reasons of health and safety, only those approved by Pentiddy Natural Burials who are appropriately qualified and insured may prepare graves on the site. Graves will be prepared by hand digging to preserve tranquillity and reduce the impact on flora. If desired the family may undertake the backfill of graves..

How do I make a complaint?

In the first instance you should contact Pentiddy Natural Burials Ltd, and your complaint will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Alternatively, complaints may be referred directly to the Association of Natural Burial Grounds. <http://www.anbg.co.uk>

How can I leave feedback?

Any comments you may have about the site or the service received can be fed back via e-mail or letter.

The ANBG may also be contacted directly with any comments. <http://www.anbg.co.uk>