

Woodland Burial Grounds

The term 'woodland burial ground' covers a number of descriptions. In essence there will be a greater emphasis on wildlife and nature; planting tree and wild flowers. You will not see traditional headstones or 'victoriana'.

To follow is a selection of local facilities:

Harbour View Woodland Burial Ground

Randalls Hill
Lytchett Minster
Poole BH16 6AN
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Harbour View is situated just to the west of Poole with very easy access from the A35. As the name suggests it enjoys panoramic views of the backwaters of Poole Harbour, Purbeck Hills and Corfe Castle. There is ample car parking and a lodge in the grounds where a funeral service and/or refreshments may be held. Harbour View has its own web site, which you may link to now by [clicking here](http://www.harbourview.co.uk/) (http://www.harbourview.co.uk/).

Ham Down Woodland Burial Ground

Bere Marsh Farm
Shillingstone
Near Blandford

Ham Down is situated at the end of a farm lane near the River Stour. Across a valley Hambledon Hill is clearly seen. Burials are at single depth only and a native tree is planted on each grave with a plaque in commemoration.

Colehill Woodland Burial Ground

Greenhill Road
Colehill

Set on former National Trust land on the outskirts of Colehill, this facility offers single depth burial. Each grave is commemorated by a native tree with a small plaque.

Bournemouth North Cemetery

The North Cemetery in Bournemouth is situated at Strouden Avenue, the site of Bournemouth Crematorium. A small section of the grounds near the boundary with East Way is given over to 'woodland burial'. In our opinion this is a very poor example of woodland burial as it is simply an unused corner within the grounds of a very busy crematorium/traditional cemetery. Burial here allows the planting of a indigenous, deciduous tree on each grave, which means you have the likes of Oak Trees and similar being planted 4 feet apart. In no way does the section give the ambiance that edge of town dedicated woodland burial grounds offer.

Hinton Park Woodland Burial Ground

Wyndham Road
Walkford

One of the first woodland burial grounds, Hinton Park is situated quite close to the A35 and enjoys an enclosure of Deer. This facility offers single depth burial. Each grave is commemorated by a native tree with a small plaque. Some of the original trees are now maturing to a considerable size.