

Environmentally friendly & Special

When considering the environmental impact of a coffin, there are a number of factors. It is all very well selecting a coffin made of bamboo to save wasting wood but if it has been flown half way around the world from its place of manufacture then the choice is misguided. The coffins below are illustrations of what is available and we have added some background information with particular regard to its 'green' credentials.

Cardboard coffin £335.00 Cardboard takes advantage of recycled material but in no greater way than chipboard which is used in the construction of veneered wood coffins. The problem with cardboard is its lack of strength and its tendency to break apart when in contact with moisture. We have experienced clients using a cardboard coffin as a platform to paint upon; this has proved very successful but of course requires someone in the family with an artistic flair.

Wicker and Bamboo coffins - a wide variety of these are available; prices from £530.00. These coffins potentially offer the best 'green' credentials but some are made abroad and others are strengthened with a wooden frame. The Somerset Willow is in our opinion the most environmentally friendly coffin. As its name suggests, it is made in Somerset from locally grown produce; it is however, more expensive than the imported equivalent. Daisy Coffins are in our opinion the most aesthetically pleasing but they are made in the far east and have a wooden frame within. We will be pleased to show you brochures and prices from all of the manufacturers.

Printed coffins - prices from £985.00. This is a recent innovation in coffin design and involves a traditionally constructed coffin with a design screen printed over the top. There are many options to choose from. In addition a bespoke design may be considered but time constraints may weigh against this. Pictured below is an example of how this works; we see a country 'farming' scene with blue skies above.

Children's coffins vary greatly on the age and size of the child. Older children may have a small coffin as per the designs for adults. Little babies may have rectangular coffins covered in a soft white cloth. Below is an example of a screen printed coffin of wood construction; the design is obviously intended to associate with a young child. We do not quote a cost for these coffins; funeral directors in general charge very little indeed in the unfortunate circumstances of a child's funeral. This is also the case with the third party charges such as for cemetery/crematorium etc.

Pets We are often asked if we can help when a pet dies. We do not arrange funerals for animals nor do we supply coffins for them. As an assistance to people who have lost a pet we will be very happy to put them in contact with the suppliers of suitable coffins. Below is an example of a timber coffin, screen printed to resemble a dog's box; it has a comforting poem 'Rainbow Bridge' written on the lid. Please click [here](#) to link to our small section of further advice in respect of pet funerals.



Cardboard coffin



Wicker coffin



Printed coffin



Children's coffin



Pets coffin