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Chudleigh Natural (Green) Burials Rules, Regulations and Procedure

Background - What are Natural (sometimes referred to as Green Burials)?

Natural burials offer an ecological alternative to traditional burials. Natural burial sites, by their very nature, quickly revert to natural grass/meadow land and are managed accordingly.

The Chudleigh Natural Burial Area is contained within the top corner of the current cemetery, with south facing views over the town and Haytor. A hedge and trees have been planted to delineate this 'natural corner' and over time, as the planting matures, views of the immediate location will be obscured.

Coffins

Shall be of a biodegradable material, including types of materials allowed in their construction.

Memorial Rights

The erection of a permanent memorial on a grave, and the inscriptions on that memorial, can only be authorised by the Registered Grave Owner, paying cognisance to the terms and conditions of Chudleigh Town Council Cemetery regulations. When the Registered Grave Owner dies, the title of the grave passes to the executors or administrator of their estate. If no executor or administrator has been appointed the title passes to his or her next of kin. The Registered Grave Owner (or the executors or administrator) however, can transfer the title of the grave to another person. Transfers of Title are not valid unless they have been registered with the Chudleigh Town Council, from where advice is available on the procedure, and the relevant processes.

Memorials

Wooden memorial plaques, such as Oak or Teak, are permissible to lay horizontally at the head of the grave. The maximum size for these being 330mmx230mmx35mm. Please see 'cemetery fees' for details of the cost of obtaining memorial rights. Please note: Chudleigh Town Council does not provide or place the memorial plaques.

Site maintenance

Chudleigh Town Council has a well tried and trusted plan to manage the burial areas, access paths, tracks, car parks, buildings and infrastructure, to ensure that all buildings and infrastructure are safe and in good repair.

Data protection

Burial registers are not subject to the Data Protection Acts 1994 and 1998 to the extent that they do not contain information other than that relating to deceased persons.

If, however, operators hold information about living and identifiable individuals, for example where a record is kept of those who have been sold plots in advance, that information will be subject to the Data Protection Acts and should be handled accordingly.

If operators retain this information for core business purposes only, i.e. for administration and records relating to the burial ground, operators do not need to register as a data controller, provided that users are informed that these records will be maintained.