

## REGULATIONS

The burial ground is managed by Atlantic Rest Natural Burial, the following regulations are made to enable the Company to shape, create and preserve a natural area for the benefit of nature and for future generations of visitors.

These regulations are essential to combine a proper respect for the dead, with a suitable management and planting programme in order to create an area that is peaceful, pleasant, ecologically rich and a fitting memorial.



**THE MANAGEMENT ASK SINCERELY THAT ALL VISITORS TREAT THE BURIAL GROUND WITH CARE AND RESPECT, SO THAT IT MAY BECOME A PLACE FOR QUIET, PERSONAL REFLECTION.**

### General Care and Behaviour:

- No seed may be scattered on the burial ground unless approved by the Company. Many seeds sold commercially as 'wild' or 'woodland' have inappropriate species within the mixture or come from abroad. A seed pack will be sent to the next of kin following interment - free of charge.
- Picking flowers or shrubs, or the unauthorised planting of any flowers or shrubs is prohibited because it will prevent the generation of a natural landscape.
- Construction or maintenance of 'flower beds' is not permitted. No naturally germinated seedlings apart from bramble, thistle, nettle or dock may be weeded from the plots.
- A plan of the natural burial ground, giving the situation of each grave, is open for inspection and may be viewed during normal office hours by appointment.
- All visitors shall behave in a law-abiding, appropriate manner.
- Mobiles should be switched to silent.
- Children must be supervised by adults at all times.
- ***Dogs must be kept on leads at all times and dog litter removed.***
- Litter bins are not provided. It is expected that visitors will take their litter home eg. ribbon or plastic wrappings left within bunches of flowers.
- The burial ground is being developed to encourage a natural landscape; therefore the erection of any monuments, kerbs, fences or railings is not allowed. Similarly, vases sunk discreetly into the soil will drown invertebrates and will be removed.
- Visitors must not disturb the wildlife nor may they remove any material from the burial ground.
- No shooting or hunting is permitted.
- Coffins or shrouds must be environmentally friendly (not veneer).
- We do not accept embalmed bodies - unless in exceptional circumstances.
- ***We reserve the right to refuse burial if appropriate conditions are not met.***

🌿 All excavations of graves and all other works are carried out either by an employee of the Company or by a person approved by them.

🌿 It is possible (under supervision) for families, who so wish, to backfill the graves themselves.

🌿 Floral tributes may be placed on the grave at the time of the funeral but they will be removed after a 3 week period.

This is to allow the natural ground cover to develop. We ask that tributes are constructed using natural products and not formed with oasis and plastic trays as this creates a considerable disposal problem.

🌿 To preserve the natural surroundings, we do not permit headstones or other permanent graveside memorials.

🌿 No body shall be buried unless the death has been registered and the proper documentation is supplied to the Company.

🌿 No cremated remains shall be buried, unless a certificate of cremation is supplied. This will be from an approved crematorium.

No body shall be removed from any grave in the burial ground, once interred, without a licence from the Secretary of State under section 25 of the Burial Act 1857.

Atlantic Rest Natural Burial will remove any object placed on the site that is judged to be inappropriate to the purpose of a natural burial ground. Although the greatest care is taken to safeguard the well being of all the trees, some will fail to thrive and others will need management, including coppicing. We reserve the right to carry out any remedial work or removal of trees that are inhibiting the full development of the planting plan.

**At times it may be necessary to construct boarding over a plot – this will be done in a sensitive manner.**