

Ashes Interment Information Sheet

At Penlow ashes can be interred - we do not allow scattering as it is not very good for the grass.

There are three options of location:

- A single burial plot can be purchased in either the wildflower or woodland area - this allows burial of more than one set of ashes and also enables you to have your own tree. This however is the most expensive option at £695. Although there is also the option to plant your tree now and watch it flourish - trees attract a cost of £65.
- An ashes plot can be purchased within the existing coppice area, this would be beside a tree of your choice. However trees are communal so there are 4 plots surrounding each tree and wildflower seeds would be scattered. Plots size of 1m x 1m at a cost of £250.
- An ashes plot can be purchased in the wildflower area. These plots are all near the path as they utilise plots that can not be used for full burial. No tree would be available here but wildflower seeds scattered, plot size of 0.75m x 0.75m and a cost of £250.

The ashes interment fee (preparation of the hole and backfilling including administration) is £150. The direct ashes interment fee is £300 - this is where no prior service has taken place and the main service takes place with us at Penlow.

A plaque could be purchased if required with all of the above options at a cost of £50.

How to bury the ashes:

Once you have decided which area you would like to be bury ashes in, the next decision is how you would like to bury the ashes. The simplest and easiest option is to simply pour the ashes into the soil. The turf would be removed and if a plaque was being placed - the fixing post would be driven into the ground. The ashes would then be poured around the post and the soil reinstated with the plaque then fixed. (if it was the appropriate time for wildflower seeds that could also be done at the same time)

Secondly you can bury the ashes in a bio-degradable urn. If you decided to do this we would need the sizes before the interment for digging purposes.

Paperwork:

In order for an ashes interment to take place you need to complete the appropriate information on the 'notice of interment form' and present that to me. I would also need the cremation certificate as I need to enter the details into our burial register and keep the certificate (please photocopy it before hand if you would like a copy) and of course the payment.

Service:

As the main service has usually taken place at the crematorium or such like, the ashes interments tend to be small intimate times. This can be what ever you would like to do. Our usual format is for you to arrange a time and date, we prepare the area. You arrive with said ashes and paperwork. We go down to the chosen area and then the ashes are interred in the preferred way.

We then return the soil to normal and you are welcome to either stay there and wait or wander around the site. Once the soil is re-instated, the plaque/wildflowers can be placed if applicable at that time. You would then be left to carry on with the service if you were doing anything specific.

After the interment:

You would receive paperwork from me including a copy of a map of the final resting place of the ashes, a copy of the burial register entry and a feedback form from The Association of Natural Burial Grounds as per their code of conduct.

Please feel free to ask any other questions - thank you, Sheridan