



At one with nature

NORFOLK BLUEBELL WOOD
BURIAL PARK



Welcome

Norfolk Bluebell Wood Burial Park is a unique, nature inspired burial park, home to centuries-old bluebell woodland, newly planted woodland and a glorious wildflower meadow, all resting under big Norfolk skies. The park is located in the parish of Hainford, seven miles north of Norwich within easy reach of all parts of the county.

You feel at peace wandering the beautiful habitats Norfolk Bluebell Wood has to offer; from the ancient woodland and the wildflower meadow, to the 4,800 trees planted in the Diamond Jubilee Wood.

Home to birds, bees and butterflies, the park provides the perfect setting for loved ones to be laid to rest and a place for retreat; to be alone to reflect on memories.

At Norfolk Bluebell Wood you are at one with nature, creating a lasting legacy for generations to come.

About Norfolk Bluebell Wood

Norfolk Bluebell Wood was created by Andrew and Caroline Morton who were captivated by the ancient bluebell wood with its floor carpeted with millions of spring blooms. A natural burial park was conceived to create a calming oasis of tranquillity, connecting people and nature.

George Morton Snr affectionately known as 'Papa' came down from Scotland in 1941 to establish a dairy herd in Skeyton. Andrew's father George Morton Jnr then took over the managing of the farm, growing it into a family farm supporting four sons. Andrew is the third generation to manage the farm on behalf of his wider family and purchased farmland at Hainford in 2008 securing the farm for the next generation.

The park offers an alternative to more traditional venues and the opportunity to create a very personal funeral within a natural setting of historic significance.

For almost 300 years, the land at Norfolk Bluebell Wood played an important role in the global understanding of the effects the seasons have on plants and animals. The wood is clearly marked as 'Old Lady's Wood' on the 1792 map of Norfolk.

The estate was the home of Robert Marsham (1708-1797), a celebrated English naturalist and founding father of phenology – the study of the effects of the seasons on plants and animals, now overseen by The Woodland Trust.



What we offer

Norfolk Bluebell Wood is available for you and your loved ones from all faiths and denominations to make your own choices at the appropriate time, in a dignified and personal manner. Cedar Hall can be used for the funeral or memorial service with the option of plots in our peaceful habitats, for either a full burial, ash interment or ash scattering.

Full burial

Single depth burial plots including one ash interment, at a future date are available in all the habitats except in the Wildflower Meadow. A memorial and wooden vase are available for purchase.

Ash interment

An ash plot allows for the interment of two sets of ashes in all the habitats, except in the Wildflower Meadow where only single depth ash interments are available. The Wildflower Meadow also allows for a tree to be planted in memory of your loved one with the interment of two sets of ashes. A memorial, wooden vase and acorn urn for the interment of ashes, are available for purchase.

Ash scattering

The Robert Marsham Glade provides for the surface scattering of ashes. A bronze plaque can be placed on an oak obelisk in memory of your loved one for a period of ten years.



Our peaceful habitats

The opportunity to connect people and nature has been the guiding principle for the creation of Norfolk Bluebell Wood. The peaceful habitats within the park are for you and your loved ones to revisit; to reflect and remember throughout the seasons.

Within the meadows, 4,800 trees were planted in conjunction with the Woodland Trust forming part of the nation's six-million tree Jubilee Woods legacy. A few of the species include oak, beech, lime, silver birch and horse chestnut.

Three oak trees have been planted in Oak Meadow as part of the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative, in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The woodland and wildflower meadow flow out from the base of the ancient Bluebell Wood, the park's inspiration. Abundant with woodland wildlife, the ancient wood occupies the rear of the park. The Conservation Area excludes the Robert Marsham Glade.



Cedar Hall

Our beautiful award winning Cedar Hall is positioned with stunning views across the park providing a permanent venue available for hire for funeral, memorial or cremation services and gatherings. We offer this facility as we recognise the need for family and friends to have a space to gather, both to pay their respects and to share memories of their loved ones.

- Seating for 120 with additional capacity for standing (total capacity of 200)
- Views across the park
- Hearing loop
- Public address (PA) system
- Music and choice of visual tributes supported by Obitus.
- Choice of keep sakes supplied by Obitus.
- Live stream and recording of service.
- Underfloor heating via renewable ground source heat pump
- Lavatory with wheelchair access
- Dedicated car parking for wheelchair users
- Part funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development



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Our Cremation Service

Our cremation service provides an alternative to a traditional cremation. The funeral service takes place in the Cedar Hall followed by an unattended cremation without family and friends in attendance at the crematorium. Our small and friendly team work with your funeral director to care for your loved one in the usual dignified and personal manner.

An unattended cremation is a comforting choice should you prefer not to attend a crematorium.

At Norfolk Bluebell Wood we offer families a peaceful and calming oasis of tranquillity to say goodbye in the natural surroundings of the Cedar Hall, overlooking the meadows and woodland of the park.

We only offer two services a day so you can be assured that your time will not be hurried. The Cedar Hall offers flexibility to accommodate a small or large service with music and tribute choices to create a personal farewell which truly reflects your loved one.

After the service you will have the opportunity to cherish some time alone in the Cedar Hall with your loved one.

A private vehicle will be used for the journey of your loved one to a nearby crematorium and the ashes will be returned to Norfolk Bluebell Wood for your collection.

Alternatively, arrangements can be made for an interment in one of our peaceful habitats where you can revisit; to reflect and remember throughout the seasons.

Park rules

1. We recommend the use of a funeral director and we allow families to conduct their own funeral or memorial service, if preferred.
2. No interment is permitted without the appropriate Registrar's certificate or Coroner's order for burial. All forms must be received by the park at least two working days before the burial is to take place.
3. Coffins or shrouds must be made of willow, softwood, cardboard or other biodegradable material. They must not be decorated with any oil-based paints.
4. Scattering of ashes will only be allowed in the Robert Marsham Glade. This is the only designated area for ash scattering.
5. All memorials must be purchased through Norfolk Bluebell Wood Burial Park.
6. Only one memorial (oak post and bronze plaque or yolk stone) is permitted on the grave. No varnish, gloss or satin is allowed.
7. Only fresh cut flowers can be left on the grave. Any floral tributes containing oasis, plastic, wire, foil or tape are not permitted. All flowers will be removed after they have deteriorated. Please ensure all litter is taken home.
8. All woodland is managed to ensure its long-term health and safety. This involves a strategic tree management programme. The tree management programme is implemented in accordance with various wildlife programmes and ensures best horticultural practice.
9. Grass pathways are cut as and when deemed necessary and other areas are cut twice a year, to ensure wildlife habitats remain undisturbed.
10. No refunds will be given after reservation although burial rights can be assigned on production of the original receipt and written instructions from the grave owner and payment of an administration fee.
11. Full payment must be received at the time of application and before any burial or interment can take place. Exclusive rights of burial last for 99 years.

12. Smoking and vaping is only permitted in the car park. Please take cigarette butts home.
13. Dogs must remain on a short lead at all times. The owner is responsible for cleaning up after their dog and must be respectful of all burial plots.
14. All visitors must show privacy and respect to all other park visitors. Children must be closely supervised at all times. Mobile and electronic devices must be set to silent or switched off.
15. No catering, food or drink including picnics and barbecues are permitted within the Cedar Hall or park.
16. The park is a natural landscape and we do not allow graves to be tended, manicured or any form of edging or fencing placed on them. Any unpermitted items will be removed immediately.
17. To protect native species planting is not permitted, including the scattering of seeds and picking of wildflowers and fungi.
18. All vehicles including contents are parked at the owner's risk. Parking is only permitted in designated spaces. Vehicles including bicycles are not permitted beyond the car park.
19. Please keep to the paths and do not walk on marked burial plots.
20. The park is a natural setting. We do not permit jam jars, wind chimes, ornaments, greeting cards, photographs, balloons, lanterns, soft toys or vases. Any unpermitted items will be removed immediately.
21. Out of hours pedestrian access is available from dawn to dusk at the eastern edge of the park, near the old church and is permitted at your own risk.





Planning for the future

How can I plan for the future?

If you are making arrangements for your own or your loved one's final resting place a plot can be purchased in advance for a full burial or an ash interment in a habitat of your choice.

Why should I plan for the future?

Planning for the future gives you and your family peace of mind that your wishes are being met whilst protecting you from price increases.

What am I purchasing?

A final resting place in a habitat and position of your choice in the park. Norfolk Bluebell Wood does not offer funeral plans and should you wish to make other arrangements for your funeral we can suggest local funeral directors who provide this service.

Alternatively, if you have already completed a funeral plan including the park as your final resting place you should ensure the necessary arrangements have been put in place with Norfolk Bluebell Wood.



How to find us

Norfolk Bluebell Wood Burial Park is located in the parish of Hainford, seven miles north of Norwich within easy reach of all parts of the county and three miles from Horsham St Faith's crematorium. The park is situated alongside the B1354 with easy access from the A140 Norwich to Cromer road.





Getting in touch

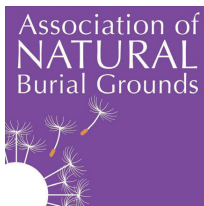
For further information or to arrange an appointment to discuss your needs and wishes, please get in touch with our small, friendly team.

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