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Regulations for the Glades Natural Burial Ground

As well as Great Yeldham Parish Council cemetery rules and regulations the burial authority is also governed by the Local Authority Cemeteries Order 1977 (LACO). Clause 3(1) of this order states:

'Subject to the provisions of this order, a burial authority may do all such things as they consider necessary or desirable for the proper management, regulation and control of a cemetery.'

The Burial Authority is Great Yeldham Parish Council who own the burial ground and are responsible for its maintenance. It has planning consent for use as a burial ground.

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1. The burial ground will be made available to local residents of Great Yeldham Parish. The deceased lived in Gt Yeldham for five or more years but moved involuntarily. For example for the need to receive residential care in another area immediately prior to the date of death
2. Individual space may be booked in advance. Plots will be allocated at the time of burial.
3. The ground is open for all or no faiths. It has not been consecrated. Consecration of individual plots is permitted. All burials will conform to statutory requirements and have due regard to the ethos as a Natural Burial ground and to other users.
4. The Burial Authority retains the right to and will allocate all grave spaces, even when pre-purchased. Allocation of graves will be allocated numerically as they arise in the 'Register of Graves' held by the burial authority. The wishes of any applicant will met as far as it is practical to do so.
5. Notice of any interments to be given to the Parish Clerk to the burial authority during reasonable working hours and no application can be received nor any interment take place on a Saturday or Sunday. No burial may take place before 10.00 am in the morning or after sunset.
6. Use natural bio-degradable materials for the coffin, shroud and burial clothes. Where coffins are constructed in wood, only pine from 'managed' woodlands may be used. The Burial Authority must be advised prior to burial if for any reason the coffin does not meet these criteria.
7. Unless required by law, bodies should not be embalmed.
8. No interment will be permitted without the appropriate Registrar's Certificate or Coroner's Order for Burial.
9. No exhumation will be permitted under any circumstances, except by direction of a Court of Law.
10. No gardening or cultivation whatsoever is permitted; this includes such things as the scattering of bark or chippings, and the introduction of any fencing or kerbs.
11. No wildlife shall be introduced into the woodland.

12. The planting of trees and other plants in the burial ground is not permitted and is strictly controlled by the Burial Authority.
13. No tokens of remembrance will be permitted on the grave. The grave will, however, be sown with a moderate amount of native wild flowers to enhance the overall development of the meadow.
14. The location of all graves must and will be recorded by the Burial Authority. The intention behind Great Yeldham Glades Natural Burial Ground is to make it as natural as possible unhindered by headstones.
15. Where relatives feel there is a need to have the grave marked, then an application may be made for the purchase of a suitably inscribed tablet, the wording on the tablet shall be restricted to the name of the deceased and the date of their birth and death and the right to have it laid at the head of the plot for the remaining period of the right of exclusive burial. All tablets shall be of a uniform design and size and supplied by the Burial Authority. They will be placed 6 months after interment and laid flat within the surface of the grave such that no part shall protrude above ground level. No guarantee shall be given for the tablets and it should be borne in mind that tractors and other vehicles will be in use on the cemetery from time to time and may drive over stones as part of the upkeep of the meadow and woods. An application for exclusive rights can be made to the burial authority with payment of the appropriate fee in force at the time.
16. Fresh flowers may be placed in or on the graves, without cellophane, ribbon or other non biodegradable wrappings. These will be allowed to be left immediately after the burial but should be removed within 10 days. The Burial Authority reserve the right to remove flowers placed on graves as part of routine care and maintenance. Artificial flowers are not permitted and no vases, containers or tokens of remembrance should be left.
17. Ashes of cremated remains may be strewn in the permitted 'Bluebell' area with prior written approval and payment of the appropriate fee in force at the time. No record will be kept of the actual location.
18. The Management Plan of the burial ground will be adopted as agreed from time to time with the relevant Wildlife Trust, other Conservation Trust and/or the Local Authority and will be implemented at the sole discretion of the Burial Authority. It is important to understand the cycle of seasons at the Glades Natural Burial Ground. The grass within the Glades will be cut up to twice a year to enable wild flowers to thrive, during winter the grass is short and to maintain the wild flower meadow the grass is allowed to grow long and re-seed during the summer. No paths will be constructed although some grass will be cut regularly so as to form a walkway.
19. Dogs will be permitted in the Burial Ground provided they are kept on a lead and not allowed to distract others from the peaceful enjoyment of the site.
20. In the event of any question arising as to the interpretation or application of any of these Regulations, the Burial Authority decision shall be final and binding. The Burial Authority reserves the right to alter the Regulations from time to time as it feels necessary.