

GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Regulations for the scattering of ashes (Bluebell Glade)

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

All enquiries should be made to the Parish Clerk, telephone 01787 237832 or via e-mail at greatyeldhampc@btinternet.com.

The Burial Authority has created a "Bluebell Glade" at Great Yeldham Burial Grounds, which is not consecrated and is dedicated to the departed of all faiths and to non-believers. The Authority has a policy respecting the scattering of cremated ashes within the "Bluebell Glade". The Glade is not a cemetery, so once the ashes have been scattered, they are neither identifiable nor retrievable. Ashes, including those of non-Great Yeldham residents, can be scattered within The Bluebell Glade. The scattering of ashes in this area does not convey any Exclusive Right of Burial.

All applications to scatter ashes in the "Bluebell Glade" should be made on the "Scattering of Ashes" Form (available [here](#)) and be signed by the applicant. Only applications from the next of kin or executor will be considered. It is a criminal offence to dispose of cremated remains within the cemetery without permission.

Procedure for the Bluebell Glade

Ashes must not be scattered in one solid mass on the ground and should be scattered evenly in an area previously agreed by the Burial Authority. Shortly after the scattering, the area will be covered with light soil and aggregate by a member of the Burial Authority to help preserve the beauty of the area and encourage the remains to return to the earth.

The area in which the cremated remains are scattered is recorded in the register for future reference. It is important to consider that once scattering has taken place, cremated remains cannot be removed, individually located, or marked within the scattering areas.

Appointments to witness the scattering of cremated remains

The scattering of cremated remains in a designated area can be carried out and witnessed by a representative of the Burial Authority if required.

An appointment can be arranged for a mutually convenient date and time to allow relatives to attend and witness the final disposal of the cremated remains within the Bluebell Glade (Monday to Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm). Should the relatives desire, a minister may be engaged to read a short form of service. This should be arranged by and at the expense of the applicant.

On arrival a member of the Burial Authority will meet the family whereupon instructions will be provided to the family prior to the scattering taking place.

No permanent memorials will be permitted in the area where the scattering has taken place. A single bunch of fresh flowers may be placed on the ground without cellophane, ribbon or other non-biodegradable wrappings on the day of the scattering. The Burial Authority reserves the right to remove the flowers at the appropriate time as part of routine care and maintenance.

A plaque may be purchased and placed on the top of the fence surrounding the Bluebell Glade. See the "Regulations for the Memorial Plaque Scheme".

In the event of any questions arising as to the interpretation or application of these Regulations, the Burial Authority's decision shall be final and binding. The Burial Authority reserves the right to alter the Regulations from time to time as it feels necessary.