

Statement

Natural burial grounds have a very close relationship with the environment in which they are set and Native Woodland Ltd (trading as Leedam Natural Heritage) is highly conscious of this dependence. NW believes that natural burial grounds should not make changes to the quality or character of a natural landscape but should preserve landscape features, archaeology, heritage and wildlife habitats.

Site management regimes have been planned to respect and preserve the valuable assets of each site and to responsibly enhance the biodiversity on the site using only local native species where planting is undertaken. The starting point from NW's viewpoint is "less is more" - making minimal impact on a landscape, thereby making a positive contribution to the environment. NW is particularly conscious of the value in our natural inheritance.

NW takes advice from landowners, ecological consultants, wildlife trusts and local authority experts on land management, plant selection and protecting, establishing and enhancing habitats. Sustainable forestry practices are supported by purchasing timber from local suppliers whose products are independently certified as coming from well-managed forests. New planting is locally sourced and selected from indigenous species to complement the local wild flora.

Policy

Our policy is comprised of eight essential objectives, covering all operational activities and the creation of new natural burial grounds;

1. Accept only untreated remains and caskets, shrouds and urns constructed of natural, biodegradable, sustainably sourced materials and floral displays that are wholly compostable
2. Where there is no practical alternative, use only biodegradable chemicals for eradication of invasive or harmful plants
3. Evaluate the relative environmental impact of modes of transport where travel is essential
4. Reduce waste, recycle and reuse
5. Comply with all relevant legislation and planning conditions and seek to exceed minimum statutory requirements
6. Create and foster a culture of continuing environmental awareness and improvement amongst staff, operating partners and customers
7. Monitor environmental performance by six-monthly internal audit and policy review
8. Minimise the consumption of non-renewable natural resources and conserve energy

Signed:



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Director
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