



Hundy Mundy

Woodland Burial Ground


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An iconic landmark

Hundy Mundy wood and tower were created as part of the designed landscape and view from Mellerstain country house. Today, it also offers a place of escape, away from it all. At any time of year, a visit to the burial ground will connect you with nature and give you the time and space to reflect and replenish.

From Hundy Mundy there are commanding views of the surrounding Scottish Borders landscape – back towards Mellerstain, west towards the Eildons, and south across the steep valley of Muckle Thairn and Eden Water towards Kelso and the Cheviots beyond.

The burial ground is maintained with a light touch and as a wild and natural place. As part of the Mellerstain Estate, the long-term preservation of the woodland and tower is important.

How it works

A natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. At Hundy Mundy woodland burial ground you can purchase rights for full burial or ashes.

In advance

- Visit the burial ground and spend time there getting to know it and deciding whether it's right for you.
- Download an application form from our website, or phone us and we'll send you an information pack.
- Pre-purchase at today's rate. Options available to pay by standing order.

Practicalities

We recommend stout footwear as the ground is uneven. A foldable chair is a good idea for those who find it difficult to stand and remember, there's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong sort of clothes...

There is a wealth of information about natural burial on our website www.leedam.co.uk and we are here in the Leedam office to answer your questions - 01600 716438.

When planning a funeral

- Complete an interment form to let us know your plans for the day so that we can help you achieve your wishes.
- Make the arrangements yourself or ask your funeral director to do this for you.
- Book the date and time with us. Burials may take place 10am-3pm and at weekends by special arrangement.



Our custodian



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Jane is our Custodian at Hundy Mundy and lives in the nearby village of Gordon. Jane has lived in the area for 20 years and enjoys spending her time outdoors and connecting with nature, along with her dog, Badger.

Jane is happy to meet you at Hundy Mundy, show you around the burial ground and discuss any questions you might have. Jane will also be present to provide any help required during the day of the funeral.

A large, leafy tree in a grassy field with a fence and rolling hills in the background. The scene is peaceful and natural, with a clear blue sky and a mix of green and autumnal foliage. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading across the upper half of the frame. In the background, there are rolling hills and a fence line with some animals grazing. The overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.

More time and space

An unhurried and private place away from the hustle of daily life. Somewhere to remember, replenish and reflect. A place of peace and solitude, when you need it, and love.

Spend time in nature, experience the weather and watch the seasons change. And for those at rest here, it offers a simple return to nature.

A scenic landscape featuring a large, mature tree with a thick trunk and dense foliage in the foreground on the right. The tree's shadow is cast across the grass. In the background, there are rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. A fence line runs across the middle ground. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

“A sad occasion became
full of love, friendship
and time for reflection”



Make the day your own

The burial ground gives you the freedom to be yourselves. Whether you are planning a simple interment with only a few in attendance or a larger funeral event we will offer inspiration, support and guidance, so you can organise the day exactly as you'd like it.



Flowers

Consider using flowers from your garden, or a friend's, or produce from the veg patch to create a hand-tied bouquet. Ask florists to use these or locally grown flowers. No plastic, Oasis foam or wire, please.

Think about scattering petals from a basket or single stems into the grave.



Pets

Dogs offer comfort and companionship, especially at funerals. Dogs on leads are welcome at the burial ground.

A pet's ashes may be included in its owner's grave at the time of interment.

Sheila Ann Basson

1947 - 2013

Jean Hicks

1917 - 2012

Errol Vincent Shelton

1949 - 2012

Jane Keeley

1943 - 2012

Sheila Elizabeth Lea

1917 - 2011

Bill Slevin

1969 - 2012

Richard Lewis Clark

Dedicate a memorial plaque

It's important to commemorate the names of the dead and when they lived.

The woodland burial ground will remain as a natural environment, the way you see it now. Unlike a conventional cemetery, there will not be rows of memorial stones, benches, vases of flowers or mementos, which would alter the special natural quality of the woodland. Instead, you can dedicate a slate plaque within the memorial panel at the burial ground.

Dedicate a tree plaque

If you would like to dedicate a memorial plaque to a tree, there is space for two slate plaques on each face of the wooden cage. The plaques will be displayed for an initial period of 10 years (due to the projected lifespan of the materials).

Burial ground map

Larch is the first area you encounter at the burial ground. It has views of Mellerstain country house and of the surrounding Scottish borders landscape.

In **Middlewood** you are surrounded by trees in a peaceful, tranquil and serene setting.

In the **Tower** area you truly feel like you are a part of history. Hundy Mundy is in fact the name of the gothic folly tower which stands prominently in the area amongst the trees.

In the lovely **Eildon** area you have peaceful views south across the steep valley of Muckle Thairn and Eden Water towards Kelso and the Cheviots beyond.



Finding the spot

Graves are carefully mapped and their exact GPS locations and What3Words addresses are recorded and shared with you so that you'll know where to visit.

If you struggle with any of these, don't worry - call us, we'll help.





Hundy Mundy Natural Burial Ground

Hundy Mundy Natural Burial Ground, Nenthorn, Kelso, TD5 7SA.

Google Maps Plus Code: JFJ5+6FKelso, UK

what3words.com/stardom.presides.paddle

Find us by following the signs for the natural burial ground from the A6089. Follow the lane for three quarters of a mile until to see the Burial Ground on your left.

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Pre-purchase form - Valid from 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

1. The applicant (the person who will be responsible for payment)

Your name	
Your address	
Your email address	
Your telephone number(s)	

2. For whom is the right of burial being purchased?

Their full name (☐ as above)			
Their address (☐ as above)			
Their date of birth		Relationship <i>You are their...</i>	
Selected rights	(not applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashes	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial

3. OPTIONAL - Purchase an adjacent right of burial

Their full name			
Their address (☐ as above)			
Their date of birth		<input type="checkbox"/> Ashes	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial

4. Applicant's signature and declaration

The information given on this form is accurate. I am the person to whom all correspondence should be sent and am responsible for paying the amounts shown in the table below and agree to be bound by Leedam's Terms and Conditions (www.leedam.co.uk/burial-contract) and the Burial Ground Regulations (www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations/) which apply.

Signature		Date	
Full name			
How did you hear about the burial ground?			

Continued overleaf...

5. Payment options

Item	2023-24 Price	£
Ashes Plot - Eildon End	£620	
Ashes Plot - Larch	£495	
Ashes Plot - Middlewood	£730	
Ashes Plot - Tower	£960	
Burial Plot - Eildon End	£1,245	
Burial Plot - Larch	£985	
Burial Plot - Middlewood	£1,450	
Burial Plot - Tower	FULL	-
Optional		
Reserve adjacent plot	Please insert price:	
Standing Order Admin Fee*	£75	
	TOTAL:	
Payable to Leedam Natural Heritage, Account No: 06006136, Sort Code: 80-02-38		

*Please add the Standing Order Admin Fee if you wish to spread payments over 10 or 20 months and make arrangements with your bank to pay monthly instalments to Leedam Natural Heritage a/c 06006136, s/c 80-02-38, quoting ref: HuMu+Yourname.

Please note - At the time of the burial or ashes interment there will be two additional charges: (i) the Registration Fee, and (ii) the gravedigger's charges.

We will send you a certificate (or certificates if you are also reserving the adjacent plot) confirming your reserved right(s) of burial and a receipt for your payment.

6. Updates and how we use your personal data

We would like to be able to contact you about future matters concerning the burial ground and any new options that might become available. If you agree to being contacted this way please tick the relevant boxes: Email Post Phone (you can opt out at any time).

Personal data you supply will be used to confirm the purchase and to register rights sold at the burial ground. We share details of the event and the people involved with the custodian to prepare them for your arrival. We may also use it for statistical analysis. We will not share your data with other organisations. View our privacy policy for further information (www.leedam.co.uk/privacy-policy). We are obliged to keep a register of all burials and interments, recording the date of burial, names in full, age, address and grave number. By law, this data must be accessible to the public.



For when I die...



Message

TIP - Write a message here to the person who reads this document

My full name

My home address

My date of birth

The key person/people to contact in case of my death

They are my... (son, daughter, executor etc)

Their contact details are...

I have made a will, it is kept here¹

TIP - if you haven't, you probably should get a solicitor-written will, a service which is often offered in return for a charitable donation

¹ Edit or delete as necessary

I have a pre-paid funeral plan²

TIP - Don't feel pressured into taking out a pre-paid funeral plan, it can be just as good to keep your money in a savings account, because of the fees charged by the plan provider and commissions paid out to the person who arranged it.

Plan details -

I have set aside money to pay for my funeral

Bank:

Account No:

Sort code:

Telephone tree – who to call

I attach a list of people to call and have highlighted those who should be asked to let others know.

Newspaper announcement

No | Yes * (which newspapers?)

I have decided to be

Buried | Cremated *

Name of burial ground or crematorium

² Edit or delete as necessary

Have I reserved a plot?

No | Yes* - the papers relating to this are attached

Location:

No, I would like my ashes to be scattered. (TIP - this requires the landowner's consent and is not great for the environment or ecologically sound)

Funeral director

First choice:

Second choice

Preferred coffin / shroud

(TIP - locally made from biodegradable materials such as wicker, wood, wool, or recycled fabrics like cotton sheets)

Before the funeral

Embalming - (TIP a gruesome process that involves the replacement of blood in your body with toxic formaldehyde solution and piercing your abdomen and sucking out your innards. If you are having a natural burial you should ask not to be embalmed)

I do | I do not * wish to be embalmed

Where to rest

before the funeral for some or all of the period

Viewing

(TIP - for some this is important, but don't delay viewing)

I am happy for my body to be viewed: No | Yes *

Instructions for laying out

My family may/may not* help lay me out if they wish

Clothes, glasses etc.

(TIP - it's a struggle to dress a dead body which you might prefer to avoid)

Hair

Make-up

The funeral

Think about what's important when organising your funeral...

For example:

- Don't waste money on what doesn't matter
- Get it done quickly - within a week if possible
- Don't mess around with dressing me in clothes, just keep me decent
- I do not want to be embalmed - it's a gruesome, poisonous and invasive process
- Make sure the coffin isn't lined with plastic, I don't want to be shrink-wrapped. Use layers of newspaper and cotton calico instead.
- I'd like a natural burial in a peaceful, natural spot in a simple wooden box with rope handles or a big canvas body bag on a board
- Put a piece of my pottery in with me and my transistor radio tuned to Radio 4
- Fill the bottom of the grave with a deep layer of leaf-mould, compost or grass cuttings
- Take me in the van - use their trolley and put me onto the putlogs across the grave
- Keep it small, keep it simple, and keep it real - take the dogs
- Say a few words, read a favourite poem or two and sing Calon Lan
- Lower me in, leave me the crossword for something to do and raise a glass to say goodbye (sherry seems a good choice)
- Look after yourselves and be good to eachother.

Funeral Service

Who to invite

Dress code

Venue

Celebrant

Words... provide some help with an outline of your life, special events (we have collected some here <http://www.leedam.com/words-and-music.html>).

Order of ceremony sheet

Folded A4 white card with a paper insert sheet?

Photograph

Readings

Music

Video

Flowers (TIP - instead of florist's flowers, gather flowers from the garden or specimens from the veg patch)

Photos

Photography/video recording

Special things - like a hat, emblem, craftwork, baking, scent, tipple, crossword...

Collection – which charity?

Special instructions

Vehicles (hearse, limo, own cars etc)

Bearers (list if there are any people you would like to be asked to bear the coffin)

Gathering after funeral service

Place

Instructions

Memorial Service

Place

Conductor

Order of service

Decorations

Readings

Music

Video

Flowers

Special instructions

Gathering after memorial service

Place

Instructions

Newspaper report

Memorial

Type of memorial
(if any is permitted)

Inscription

Anniversaries

Tree Planting

FINANCIAL MATTERS

I attach a list of my bank accounts, building society accounts, savings bonds, insurance plans, pension plans, shares and investments etc

BUSINESS MATTERS

I attach a list of my Business partners, Solicitor, Accountant, Landlord(s), Tenant(s) etc