



Hundy Mundy

Woodland Burial Ground

 Leedam





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. The field is lush and green, with a fence line visible in the middle ground. In the distance, rolling hills and a few more trees are visible under a bright sky.

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.

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.



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.





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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Interment 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. The person who has died

Their full name			
The deceased's address			
Their date of birth		The date of death	
Your relationship to the deceased?	<i>You are the deceased's...</i>		
Who is the deceased's primary representative?			
Their telephone number			
Their email address			

3. Funeral director (FD) - if you are using one

Company name	
Contact name	
Contact email address	
Contact telephone number(s)	

4. The coffin, casket or shroud

What material is it made of?					
<i>Please note - NO PLASTIC LININGS or polyester trimmings must be used. Line with canvas or paper.</i>					
Accurate exterior dimensions	Length		Width		Height

5. The grave				
Type of grave	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial		<input type="checkbox"/> Ashes	
Are the rights pre-purchased?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes, the Register Number	02 -			
Next to an existing grave?	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes, next to whom?				
Would you like to reserve the adjacent plot?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional (for 1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - burial plot	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - ashes plot
If yes, please provide their:	Name			
	Address			
	Date of birth			
	Phone no.			
	Email			

6. Extra ashes within the coffin/casket/grave			
Extra ashes?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Human ashes	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet ashes
		<i>Human ashes require an additional registration fee.</i>	<i>Pet's ashes require a separate fee to cover APHA costs.</i>
For extra human ashes, please provide their:	Name		
	Their last address		
	Date of birth		
	Date of death		

7. The event			
Requested date <i>(burial on weekdays only)</i>			
Requested arrival time: <i>(11am-2pm in winter / 11am - 4pm in summer)</i>		Estimated departure:	

What type of event are you planning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Simple committal with a graveside service <input type="checkbox"/> Committal after a service elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/> A longer celebration of life <input type="checkbox"/> Other...		
Who will carry the coffin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Funeral director's staff <input type="checkbox"/> Family and friends <input type="checkbox"/> A combination (FD + Family and friends)		
Number of people expected		Number of cars:	
Name of officiant (if any)			

8. Optional items

- A slate memorial plaque** mounted in the memorial panel for 25 years (renewable)

Name to go on plaque
(Max 28 letters and spaces)

Year of birth

Year of death

- Dedicate a tree** in memory of someone. The tree plaque will be mounted on a wooden cage protecting one of the newly planted trees, helping to restore the woodland.

Circular slate tree plaque *(mounted for 10 years)*

Inscription - Dedicated in memory of...
(full name)

Year of birth

Year of death

9. 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

Full name

Date

How did you find out about us?

Valid from 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

Payment options

Item	2024-25 Price	£
Ashes Plot - Eildon End	£620	
Ashes Plot - Larch	£495	
Ashes Plot - Middlewood	£730	
Ashes Plot - Tower	£960	
Ashes Scattering	£60	
Burial Plot - Eildon End	£1,245	
Burial Plot - Larch	£985	
Burial Plot - Middlewood	£1,450	
Burial Plot - Tower	FULL	-
Registration Fee	£240	£240
Optional		
Reserve adjacent plot	Please insert price:	
Extra Ashes Same Plot	£240	
Pet's Ashes with Owner	£60	
Memorial Panel Plaque	£335	
Tree Dedication Plaque	£450	
Standing Order Admin Fee*	£75	
	TOTAL:	
Payable to Leedam Natural Heritage, Account No: 06006136, Sort Code: 80-02-38		
Grave digging for burial	2023-24 Price	£
Grave Digging	£550	
Grave Digging Ashes	£180	
Payable to Sherpa Walks Ltd, Account number 14251159, Sort Code: 04-29-09		

Who will be responsible for payment?

- Applicant
 Other (please provide name & address)
- Funeral Director

Updates and how we use your 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 be contacted this way please tick the relevant boxes:

Email
 Post
 Phone

You can withdraw your consent 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. We may also use it for statistical analysis. 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.

Hundy Mundy

Natural burial ground

Contact details

Company name	Leedam Natural Heritage
Head office	The Market Tavern, 26 Agincourt Square, Monmouth, NP25 4JP
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Facebook	facebook.com/bordersnaturalburials

Funeral arrangements

Burial ground name	Hundy Mundy Natural Burial Ground
Location	Hundy Mundy Natural Burial Ground, Nenthorn, Kelso, TD5 7SA (postcode not accurate when used with SatNav) Google Plus Link: JFJ5+6F Gordon (Most accurate) What3Words Link: what3words.com/lecturing.clauses.fashion
Access	Open year-round. The gate into the burial ground is not locked. Please let wheelchair users know that there are no paths across the grass.
Description	The iconic gothic folly of Hundy Mundy Tower occupies a framed gap on the crest of the hilltop woodland. With commanding views of the surrounding Scottish borders landscape.
Ethos	Keep things simple, natural and sustainable. Real countryside preserved for future generations.
On-site facilities	Car parking and oak frame memorial panel. The nearest WCs are at Kelso Sainsbury's here: what3words.com/passes.presses.exits No rooms, chapels, toilets or mortuary facilities.
Operator and owner	Operator: Leedam Natural Heritage. Owner - Mellerstain Estate.
Custodian	Mary Thompson, tel 01573 410624

Procedures

Prices and forms	A price list and all forms are available on the website www.leedam.com/locations/hundy-mundy/forms-and-prices/
Provisional booking	Call 01600 716438 to make a provisional funeral booking, after the death has been certified, and let us know the requested date, name of the deceased, your own contact details and any prior purchase information.
Confirmation	We will check the calendar to make sure it's not already taken, then contact the gravedigger and custodian to make sure they are available before confirming the booking.
Submit forms	Complete an online application form, or download a PDF from the website and at least two days before the event email it to hundymundy@leedam.co.uk with a scanned copy of the Coroner's Order for Burial or a Registrar's Certificate (or cremation certificate for an ashes interment).
Payments	Payment by bank transfer is required before the event. The gravedigger is paid separately, but also before the event. We will send you a receipt and confirm that everything is OK.
Embalming	Embalming fills the body with toxic chemicals which we do not wish to introduce into the soil. We would only accept embalmed remains in exceptional circumstances, e.g repatriation.
Choosing a plot	Arrange a family visit to the burial ground with the Custodian (01573 410624) to select the area that suits you. Liaise with the office directly (01600 716438) using the mobile app What3Words.com to make sure the location is right.
Double plots	Plots are single depth. Double plots are arranged side by side. Choose which side is which. The second plot can be paid for in full or costs can be spread over 10 or 20 months by setting up a monthly standing order (extra admin charge applies). If undecided, we can provisionally reserve it for 1 year, after which it may be offered to others.
Coffins etc	Choose an eco-coffin, casket or shroud. All materials, including linings and clothing, should be natural and biodegradable. No veneered MDF or chipboard, please. Standard nameplates are OK or a handwritten card label with the deceased's name and dates. <i>TIP - Use calico canvas instead of polythene Crem Film.</i>
Coffin size	Please measure and include the true maximum external dimensions of the coffin on the Interment Forms. If in doubt please call us.

<p>Grave digging</p>	<p>Our nominated gravedigger will prepare the grave ready for your arrival. Graves are single depth 1.3m; double plots are arranged side by side. Families can backfill the soil to cover the coffin if they choose, but the gravedigger will complete the work.</p>
<p>On the day</p>	<p>There is usually only one burial on the day and time is not limited. The Custodian will be there to meet and direct you.</p> <p>The vehicular gate into the meadow will be open for the hearse, limousine and family mourners with limited mobility who display the priority parking sign in the windscreen. <i>TIP - Estate cars are popular with families instead of the formal hearse.</i></p>
<p>Dogs and pets</p>	<p>Dogs offer comfort and companionship, especially at funerals. Dogs on leads are welcome at the burial meadow. A pet's ashes may be included in its owner's grave at the time of interment.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>There is no electrical power supply in the burial ground. Make sure that battery-powered speakers are powerful enough to deliver good sound quality. Live, acoustic music is always beautiful.</p>
<p>What to wear</p>	<p>Wellies/hiking shoes (not high-heels); warm, windproof clothes. <i>TIP - Bring folding chairs, scarves, hats and blankets for the elderly.</i></p>
<p>Carrying the coffin</p>	<p>The ground is uneven, so it is recommended to carry the coffin underarm rather than on shoulders, feet first. Set up trestles at regular resting points if the carry distance is long.</p>
<p>Webbing</p>	<p>Please bring your own webbing. The custodian or gravedigger will have a backup set in case you come without.</p>
<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Seasonal flowers from the garden or produce from the veg patch are perfect. Let florists know it is for a natural burial, so no plastic, Oasis foam or wire, please. Arrangements should be taken away at the end of the event. Please let the custodian know if a posy of flowers is to be left on the grave. <i>TIP - Bring a basket of petals from the garden to scatter into the grave.</i></p>
<p>Items in the grave</p>	<p>Additional cremated remains can be included in the grave, even those of a pet; please include details on the application form. You can also include natural tributes e.g wooden boat, sea shells; a sealed museum jar with significant pieces, or other inert objects.</p>

After the funeral	We will issue a certificate of interment, by email, with the precise grave location details. This will be in pdf format for sharing. It can be sent via post on request.
Finding the grave	The certificate of interment will include links to Google Maps, GPS coordinates and the What3Words address of the grave. The What3Words mobile app is an easy way to navigate to the grave. If there is ever concern, we can flag the spot.
Memorials	To keep the land sustainable for the future, individual graves are no longer marked. Instead, slate plaques inscribed with the names and dates are mounted between the upright timbers of the memorial frame. Memorial rights to display a plaque are granted for 25 years (renewable). The memorial can be ordered via our online application form, or a pdf can be downloaded from our Forms and Prices page.
Plants and trees	We have a limited number of newly planted trees within the burial ground. We offer families the option to dedicate a tree plaque on the tree guards in memory of someone buried there. To conserve the landscape and the natural habitat, no trees are planted on graves. To protect wildlife and bereaved families from unwanted change, nothing should be planted and no seeds should be scattered without our consent.

Further Information

Baby & infant funerals	Scotland has a scheme in place, whereby no fees should be charged for the burial of a child or person under the age of 18 (including stillborn and foetal remains), which we support.
Direct burials	A direct/simple natural burial can be arranged for families who do not wish to attend the burial. Full grave location details will be provided on the burial certificate.
Burial ground rules	Outlined in full here - www.leedam.com/rules-and-regulations
Maintenance	The burial ground is maintained as woodland and sympathetically for wildlife. Paths and certain burial areas will be mown. Certain areas may be left longer for biodiversity,
Long term security	The land is within the wood of part of a historic, designed landscape of one of Scotland's great Georgian houses, which was begun in 1725 by architect William Adam. There is no real chance of the land being redeveloped at any time in the future.