**WESTMILL WOODLAND BURIAL GROUND CIC**

**Terms and Conditions** www.woodlandburialwestmill.co.uk

These Terms and Conditions have been devised to ensure the woodland burial ground is as wild and natural as possible. If you do not feel comfortable with them it may be that this burial ground is not the right one for you.

We ask you to read carefully, sign and return the attached form to us. Please note we cannot accept a prepayment or proceed with a committal without acceptance of the Terms and Conditions below.

**Westmill Woodland Burial Ground agrees to:-**

* Maintain access to all areas while maintaining the wild nature of the site. The paths between burial areas will be mown but plots are left grassy except where trees need some clear ground to grow away. Some shelters are provided to offer protection from wind and weather and benches will be placed around the site.
* Plant a selection of new trees annually as the burial ground fills up. Please note, we do not plant a tree on each burial.
* Ensure the burial plots are kept free from litter and inappropriate memorial items and to ensure that any planting is from native stock acquired through our trusted supplier.
* Maintain records within the burial ground office that identifies the location of each burial, such that even when the plot becomes covered over with vegetation the grave can still be found using GPS.
* To assist families and friends to locate a specific burial plot should this be required.
* To keep an up to date burial register.
* To provide an adjacent plot for a spouse or partner over the age of 65 of someone interred with us providing this is requested at the time of a funeral and the appropriate paperwork and payments are made.
* To ensure the maintenance of the site as a memorial woodland.

**That you as the plot holder agree to the following:**

* To use a simple coffin (or shroud) in natural materials – we can offer advice on this.
* Not to embalm the body because of the impact of formaldehyde on the groundwater. (A requirement of our membership of the Natural Burial Ground Association). An exception can be made in the case of repatriation
* Not to clear undergrowth or bring in soil or other materials or place any garden shrubs
* Not to plant anything which has not been purchased through us using our list of recommended plants to ensure it is a native wild plant. Please note we will remove daffodils, bluebells and other plants that are not the specific species on our list.
* Not to place any sign or feature on the plot e.g. markers, name plaques, decorations, wind chimes, benches. You may place unpainted stones that are no larger than 8 cm in any dimension.

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* No plastic coverings, artificial flowers or ribbons, oasis, plastic containers or jars may be placed on graves. We encourage you to leave unwrapped bunches of flowers which may be tidied away by our staff once they have faded.
* We ask that when you are visiting the burial ground you are sensitive to others who may be there to enjoy the peace and quiet of the place.
* We ask that all dogs are kept on a lead and that you clean up after them
* We ask that children are supervised and do not run over grave areas.
* We encourage you to stay and enjoy a picnic but do not provide litter bins

These Terms and Conditions do not create any right of exclusive occupation nor any freehold interest in the land by you, as the plot holder.

**Complaints Procedure**

If you are in any way unsatisfied with the service you receive, please contact Becky Norman (administrator) in writing or Liz Rothschild, who is one of the CIC Directors, at the address below.

If you still feel unsatisfied you can either request your complaint, be forwarded to the Chair of our Friends and Family Group or the Natural Burial Ground Association can be contacted at [www.naturaldeath.org.uk](http://www.naturaldeath.org.uk) or by phone on 01962 712690

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| **Name of person for whom the plot is for** |  |
| **Name of next of kin****(Capitals please)** |  |
| **Next of Kin Address** |  |
| **Telephone Number** |  |
| **E-mail address** |  |
| **Signature of Next of Kin** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Part of the joy of Westmill is knowing that the unmarked graves here will eventually become a beautiful area of pristine woodland. This means that unless you are a very regular visitor the grave may become hard to locate in future without assistance from the office.** **I have read and understand the above statement (please tick)** We would love to keep in contact with you about the burial ground with our winter and summer newsletters and any news or events that may happen here. We will include your information into our contact database at the time of returning your paperwork to us. However, if you would prefer we didn’t, please tick the box below. Thank youPlease do not include me into your Friends and Family Group for news and events at the burial ground.----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Office use only**On behalf of Westmill Woodland Burial Ground CIC |
| Name in Capitals |  |
| Signed |  |
| Dated |  |

***Please return to:***

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**Phone: 01367 700615**

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**These terms and conditions can also be found on our website:** [**www.woodlandburialwestmill.co.uk**](http://www.woodlandburialwestmill.co.uk)