

Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground is on the Sharpham Estate, within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty near Ashprington village and three miles outside Totnes, South Devon.

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From the A38/Devon Expressway, take the Totnes/Buckfastleigh exit onto the A385. On arriving in Totnes, just before the railway station turn right at the traffic lights onto the Western Bypass/A381 towards Kingsbridge. Half a mile outside Totnes, turn left to Ashprington. About two miles later, you'll reach a crossroads signposted ahead to Ashprington, right to Bow Bridge, Tuckenhay & Cornworthy and left to the natural burial ground.



For sat-navs, use the postcode TQ9 7DX but be aware that the burial ground doesn't have its own postcode.

To reach Sharpham House from Sharpham Meadow, turn left out of the burial ground until you reach a crossroads signposted ahead to Bow Bridge, Tuckenhay & Cornworthy. Turn left here to Ashprington. On reaching the village, turn left at the war memorial roundabout and (with the church on your left) head up the hill and onto the Sharpham Estate.



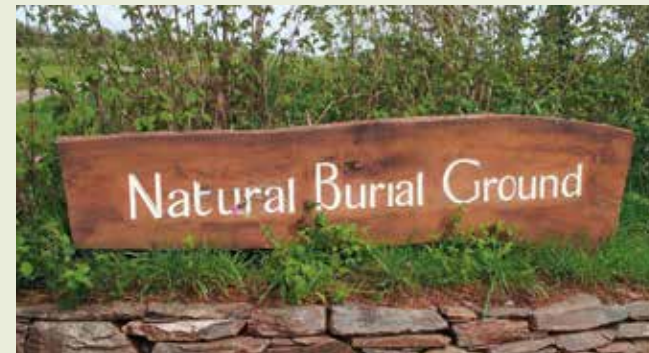
The site is open daily and you can visit anytime in daylight hours.

There is a compost toilet at the burial ground.

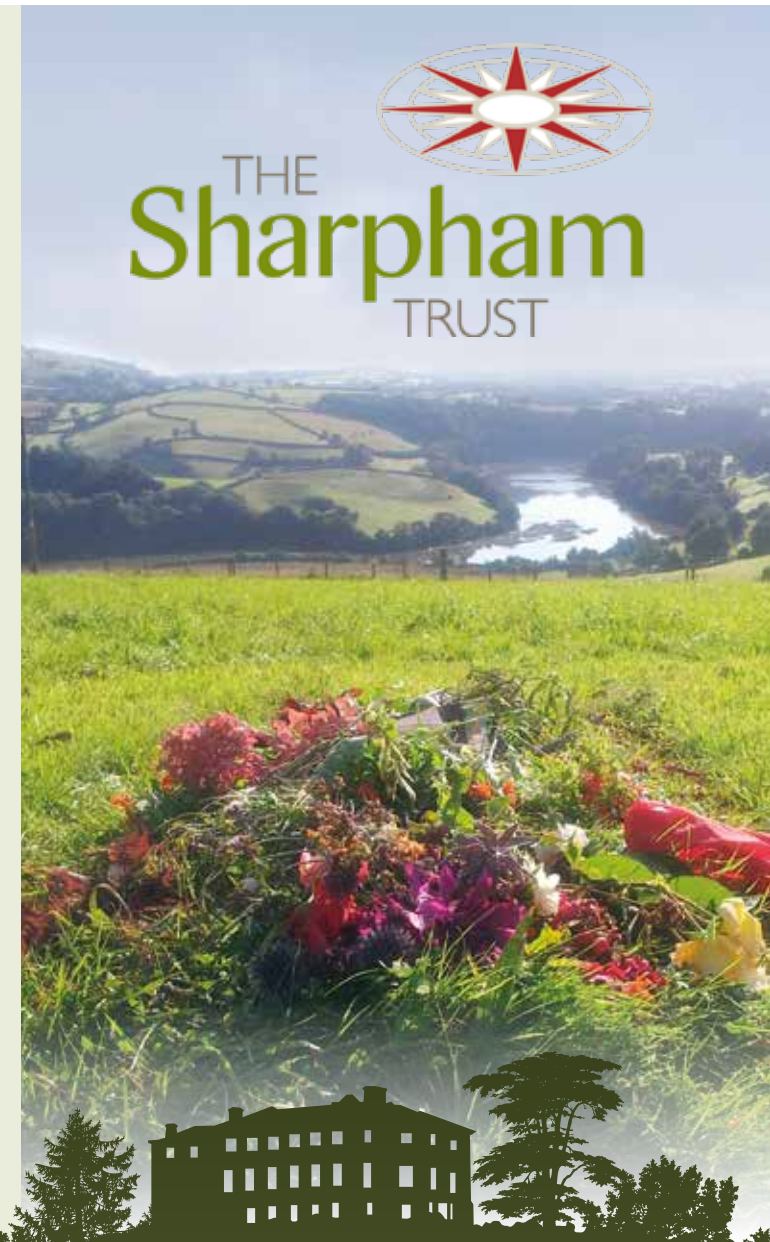
You can find out more about Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground – and download application forms for burials and interments - on our website here:

www.sharphamtrust.org

For further information, email sharphammeadow@sharphamtrust.org



"So pleased we chose this beautiful resting place..."



Sharpham Meadow

With stunning views of the River Dart and across the South Hams Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground offers an ecological alternative to traditional burial or cremation.

It is open to all - regardless of faith or local residency, whether you are using a funeral director or not, having a religious ceremony, a secular ceremony, or no ceremony at all.

The site is run in accordance with guidelines created by The Association of Natural Burial Grounds.

Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground is open all year round and you can visit anytime in daylight hours.

The site has been created by The Sharpham Trust – a charity connecting people with nature and fostering mindfulness. At the heart of the Trust ethos is the desire to build a more mindful, compassionate and environmentally-sustainable world.

Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground is a beautiful wildflower meadow – pure, natural, uncluttered, spacious – where flora and fauna thrive.

Burials and ashes interred



Graves here are shallower than in a traditional graveyard and are unmarked by upright headstones. Instead, families can place an engraved piece of hand-carved slate on a grave, flush to the ground. Paths connecting grave areas are mown, giving access whilst allowing meadow plants, birds and animals to flourish in the unmown grass.

Coffins (or shrouds) need to be made from natural, biodegradable materials for burial at Sharpham Meadow. Ashes can be interred here as well as coffins.

The site features a ceremonial building constructed from the natural materials cob and stone, providing a covered space for

“It was so beautiful there yesterday when I went to visit my dad. Such a special place.”



The Circle – an artwork with cedar seatposts surrounding the Ancestors’ Fire, creating a space for ceremonies, quiet contemplation or meditation.

There are no time restrictions on any funeral service and night-time vigils are possible at Sharpham Meadow. You can use any Funeral Director to arrange burials at Sharpham Meadow.

ceremonies, protection from the weather and a place for contemplation. Its design mirrors the elliptical stairwell of Sharpham House, sharing the same dimensions.

The latest addition to Sharpham Meadow is

Ceremonies at Sharpham



Many funeral and memorial gatherings have been held at nearby Sharpham House - a Grade 1-listed Palladian mansion set within a Capability Brown landscape on Sharpham Estate.

The House’s peaceful atmosphere, rooms and surrounding gardens and grounds make an ideal venue for a funeral, wake or memorial service.

To find out more about organising a funeral or memorial gathering at Sharpham House, or to arrange a no-obligation visit, visit our website, contact the Programme Administrator on **01803 732542** or email **bookings@sharphamtrust.org**

“The peace and beauty of the landscape at Sharpham Meadow was an oasis of calm in our storm”

