

Visiting Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground



Thank-you for contacting us about Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground.

The Trust doesn't have the resources to organise tours of the Meadow, but you are welcome to visit the site whenever you wish - as long as there isn't a funeral happening at the same time. Please check this by contacting our Administrator via email beforehand so we can check, put your visit in the calendar and inform you should anything come up in the meantime.

This document has been put together to help guide you to Sharpham Meadow and direct you once you are there.

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.



Once on this road, continue for 0.3 miles, pass the turning for the Barn Retreat Centre and Lower Sharpham Barton Farm on your right. Continue straight on and turn right at the Sharpham Meadow sign.

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

Once at the site, park your car in the signposted parking area and proceed on foot.

Continue through the willow arch and you will find a gate to enter the site. Some compost toilets are available on your right, signposted before you reach the gates.



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Past the gates you will see the ceremonial cob building straight ahead. This was built using natural materials with cob walls and a green sedum roof. The building is there to be used by families and friends visiting the Meadow. There are approximately 20 chairs which can be placed there for your ceremony. There is no electricity or heating in the building.



To the right is the main burial plots area. Please note that it isn't possible to choose the exact location of the burial plot. This will be allocated by The Trust. We may be able to show you where the allocated plot will be, upon prior arrangement.



Walking down through the path, with the burial plots to your right, you will see the ceremonial Ancestors' Fire pit straight ahead. This was unveiled in 2015 and designed as a ceremonial space around which mourners and families could gather and be seated, perhaps lighting candles, meditating, or leaving flowers or messages to the dead. The artwork was the result of The Trust's Artist-in-Residence programme and you can [read more about the Fire Circle and see pictures and a video of the ceremony by clicking here.](#) If you would like to use the fire pit please obtain prior consent from The Trust and kindly observe the safe use highlighted in our Terms and Conditions document.

Looking down towards the River Dart you will see a second burial plot area to your right, and straight past that is the Ash burial plot area.

Before your visit:

- Remember to notify The Trust before your visit to ensure no funerals are taking place that day.
- Remember to dress warmly and wear appropriate footwear for the countryside.

After your visit:

- Please call us to discuss your requirements if you haven't already. We will send you any relevant documentation and pricing.

Anytime: Please feel free to email us any questions you may have on sharphammeadow@sharphamtrust.org