Welcome

GreenAcres Epping Forest is a unique, natural cemetery and ceremonial park. Nestled in the heart of the Essex countryside, Epping Forest, along with our other parks has helped many families say goodbye in a caring, tranquil and beautiful environment. The natural surroundings of woodland, coupled with the warm and welcoming ceremonial buildings, make GreenAcres the perfect place for a personalised service for you and your family.

At GreenAcres we promise to provide a personalised service for you and your family in a unique and caring environment, always.
I could not ask for a better place to lay my wife to rest. The place is really beautiful and pleasant. Thank you to the team who were happy to help and listened when you needed to talk to someone.
Woodland is a much-loved part of the English countryside and each season holds a special appeal

In the springtime we are treated to a carpet of bluebells; the summer spreads a canopy of dark green leaves above and foxgloves decorate the forest floor. In the autumn we are dazzled by a blazing spectacle of red and gold as the leaves turn and then fall. The winter arrives and life rests under the snow and frost waiting to burst forth as the cycle of life turns again towards the spring. For many there still remains a connection with the woodlands in our modern age, both as places of natural beauty and in continuing to provide safe habitats for an array of flowers, plants and wildlife.

Providing you with choice
Our main aim is to offer a natural venue that is a beautiful alternative to an established churchyard or municipal cemetery. GreenAcres Epping Forest provides a choice where families can come together to commemorate the passing of a loved one in a beautiful natural setting.

Along with our many years’ experience of organising woodland burials, our award-winning ceremonial buildings at GreenAcres Epping Forest provide a very special place for the funeral and memorial service, whilst the woodland offers a choice of plots for full burials and cremated remains, as well as the option for scatterings.

But most importantly we provide an experienced, compassionate and highly professional team to ensure that on your chosen day the funeral runs as smoothly as possible.
Your options

Whether you are looking for a cremation service, full burial or to inter or scatter cremated remains, GreenAcres Epping Forest provides a lovely setting in a beautiful English woodland. So whether you would like to overlook a carpet of bluebells in the spring or to rest under the shady canopy of an old English oak tree, the park offers many options to choose from. With such a glorious variety of trees, we are sure you will find the perfect place for you.

Cremation service
Cremations are becoming increasingly popular today. There are many reasons why people choose cremation over burial, the high cost of funerals may be one. But all too often we hear that cremation services are rushed and impersonal. Here at GreenAcres we believe everyone should have the perfect funeral, one which is affordable and never rushed. Our relaxed and beautiful woodland setting provides the perfect environment to say goodbye without being conscious of time.

Burial service
If it is a full burial you are looking for, our woodland offers tranquility and beauty for the funeral service and of course the weeks, months and years afterwards during which you and your family may return to visit and reflect on the life of your loved one.

All of our burial plots are double depth. This allows for the plot to be used by a second person, perhaps a close family member or loved one, when their need arises.

Cremated remains
If you wish to inter the cremated remains of a loved one you can choose from the many options throughout the woodland. You may decide to use the Woodland Hall for a service or, if you have held a service elsewhere, a simple graveside committal may be preferred. A scattering can take place in one of our designated areas.

There are no rules governing the order in which the service, interment or scattering take place – the timing of these arrangements is personal and at GreenAcres we will work with you to accommodate your wishes.

We offer
- Cremation service
- Burial service
- Options for cremated remains

Unlike other cemeteries, we do not charge a non-residency fee if you live outside of the area.

An interment fee is charged for the safe preparation of the grave where applicable. For further information, please speak to a member of our team.
Where services are held

The Gathering Hall
Our warm and welcoming Gathering Hall provides the perfect place for families and friends to gather before the memorial service takes place. We can also offer you exclusive use of the Gathering Hall following the service to celebrate the life of a loved one, for as long as you require.

The Woodland Hall
Our unique and enchanting Woodland Hall is where the funeral and memorial service can be held. Flexible seating and a beautifully carved wooden lectern are complemented by a wall of full-length glass panels that offer panoramic views of the woodland, inviting the calm and tranquil ambience into the room.

The Gathering Hall & Woodland Hall offer:
- Comfortable seating for up to 120 people
- Excellent acoustics with high-quality audio systems from which your music choices can be played
- Hearing loop
- Baby changing and toilet facilities
- Easy access for wheelchair users
- Catering facilities

There are a variety of ways in which families and friends utilise our facilities and the surrounding woodland. Some of our most popular examples include:

- Using the Woodland Hall for a service after attending a cremation elsewhere, offering friends and family an opportunity to extend the time they spend together reflecting on the life of their loved one and recalling loving memories
- Conducting a full memorial service followed by a burial
- Interring a loved one’s cremated remains in our 52 acres of English woodland having attended a service with us previously
- Holding a cremation service in the Woodland Hall with the coffin in place, before the coffin is taken to the crematorium

If you would like to know more about the options we offer please contact us for an informal discussion. Or visit our website at www.greenacresgroup.co.uk/epping
Everyone is unique! So, too, are the prestige options at GreenAcres Epping Forest. Carefully selected for their prime location and thoughtfully created as an exclusive burial option for full burials and cremated remains, these areas offer the perfect final resting place for families looking for more privacy and exclusivity.

**Private garden**
Nestled on the edge of the woodlands, beneath the canopy of the trees, you will find our private gardens. Designed to allow privacy and seclusion to lay your loved ones to rest, these private gardens offer a place of tranquillity and reflection in the weeks, months and years afterwards when you return to visit.

Surrounded by an evergreen hedge, offering stunning views across the woodland and beyond, our unique private gardens have been created as an exclusive burial option. In keeping with the natural environment, each private garden is maintained to the highest standard.

**Family tree**
An established family tree allows the option to purchase multiple plots around a pre-selected tree within the park.

**Private glade**
Our beautiful private glades have been carefully created out of their natural surroundings. Each glade offers families an exclusive space away from other visitors.

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Our prestige options are for the life of the park and include the first interment fee.
Losing a baby or child is a part of life no one should have to experience. At GreenAcres Epping Forest we will do all we can to help ease the pain in a professional and caring way.

**Pregnancy loss of under 24 weeks**
We have a dedicated area for babies lost in pregnancy under 24 weeks. The interment is overseen by an experienced member of the team and is usually arranged in partnership with the relevant hospital. Families are welcome to lay flowers underneath the memorial post placed in memory of all babies laid to rest in this area. In keeping with the natural environment, no other permanent memorial is allowed.
Babies and children aged up to 18 years
Families can choose to lay their precious loved one’s to rest in a carefully selected area within the park dedicated to the burial of babies and children up to 18 years of age. Surrounded by nature, this special area offers a peaceful and tranquil setting for quiet reflection.

A single wooden memorial post can be placed to mark the grave and we also offer full use of our ceremonial building should you wish to hold a service.

“Over 6 weeks have passed now since my lovely son was buried with you and I had to let you know how glad I am we chose you.”
Ways to remember

There are so many ways that you might want to remember your loved ones and, as with the funeral, this service is completely personal.

Memorials
Full burials and cremated remains plots can be marked with a single wooden memorial of your choice. It is traditional for woodland graves to be marked with a simple wooden plaque, adorned with an inscription of your choice and set on a short wooden post. However at GreenAcres we also offer the opportunity for personalised wooden memorials to mark the grave of your loved one.

Harmony garden
In our busy lives it can be difficult to find a peaceful space in which to remember those who are no longer with us. Located close to the courtyard and surrounded by nature you will find our peaceful Harmony garden, created to offer a choice of memorial options and a place where family and friends can simply sit and relax.

Book of remembrance
An entry in our book of remembrance (which can also be viewed online) provides families and friends with a lasting memorial of their loved one. You can choose an entry of up to five lines and a motif if desired.

Living memorials
Living memorials offer an additional way to remember a loved one, as well as providing habitats for a range of wildlife. They are available to everyone, regardless of whether or not their loved one is laid to rest in the park.

Our full range of memorial options can be found online by visiting www.greenacresgroup.co.uk/epping
What’s included in the price?

- The exclusive rights to your burial plot
- Secure and flexible leasing option that grants access to the park for you and your family members’
- An independent trust is in place to maintain the woodland
- Preparation of the grave and all administration costs
- Support and administration from our experienced team before and after the service
- The right to place a single, wooden memorial on the grave. The dimensions of the memorial must fall within park guidelines
- The use of the burial park facilities such as an electric buggy for those with limited mobility
- A secure site, which is manned during office opening times (see back of brochure for details)
- We have various options to suit all budgets and our fully trained team can provide guidance and advice. We at GreenAcres are committed to a compassionate, caring and personal service

We do not charge a non-residency fee if you live outside of the area.
HOW DO WE ARRANGE A FUNERAL AT GREENACRES EPPING FOREST?
We always work closely with your chosen Funeral Director. In many instances, we will show you around the park and our buildings. During that initial visit we will let you know what to expect on the day and if you do decide to select a plot at the park we will confirm these details, along with a confirmed time and date to your Funeral Director. We will ensure that every detail of the funeral is double checked. If we notice during the arrangement period that a tiny detail has been overlooked, we will draw it to the attention of your Funeral Director immediately.

CAN WE CHOOSE THE EXACT PLACE FOR THE BURIAL?
Throughout the park we have special dedicated burial trees and burial areas; along with one of our team you can choose the place that suits you best.

CAN PEOPLE BE BURIED TOGETHER?
All of our full burial and cremated remains plots are double depth. This allows for the plot to be used by a second person, perhaps a close family member or loved one, when their need arises. Should you choose not to share a final resting place then there is no obligation to use the second interment space.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO MARK THE GRAVE?
Some people choose not to mark a grave with a wooden memorial which is very much a personal choice. However, whenever we bury anyone at our parks we record the graves very carefully and use traditional mapping to ensure that there is a permanent record of each person who is buried with us and their location.

MUST THERE BE A RELIGIOUS SERVICE?
We pride ourselves on our relationships with both the local clergy and the local independent celebrant team, ensuring the requirements of both the religious and secular community are met. Our ground is not consecrated, but individual graves can be blessed if you wish.

DO YOU SAY WHAT KIND OF COFFIN IS ALLOWED?
The choice of coffin is a very personal one. Perhaps you would prefer not to have a coffin and would rather a shroud or other natural fabric covering that will not harm the environment. Other eco coffins include cardboard, willow, banana leaf and bamboo which, along with traditional wooden coffins, are acceptable at all of our parks. We are committed to complying with our eco and conservation policies. With this in mind we do not allow metal caskets or zinc-lined coffins to be interred.
WHAT PAYMENT OPTIONS DO I HAVE?
All interments have to be paid in full before the funeral can take place. You can choose to pay via credit or debit card, cheque or by a bank transfer. If you wish to secure a place with us in the future please speak to a member of our team.

WHY DO YOU OFFER VARIOUS PLOT LEASE PERIODS?
A shorter-term lease is an option for families who wish to secure a plot at a reduced rate, or who simply have no desire to memorialise long-term.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DECIDE NOT TO RENEW A LEASE?
Every five years, during the duration of the lease, we will write to the registered owner, and offer the option to extend the lease. If you do not wish to renew your lease options, then the grave can no longer be memorialised. Existing burials in the plot are not removed or disturbed, however, any remaining space in the plot will be made available for sale. Eventually your exclusive rights of burial will run out (currently 75 years).

HOW DO I KNOW THAT YOU WILL TAKE CARE OF THE WOODLAND?
Unlike some other burial sites or cemeteries, we take the long-term care of the place where your loved one is buried very seriously. A proportion of each sale is placed into an independent trust fund in order to provide funds to secure the long-term preservation and maintenance of our beautiful woodlands for many years to come.

We’re here to help

The team
Our award-winning and experienced team aim to guarantee your funeral is perfect. Their dedication and hard work will ensure that your final goodbye is said in the tranquillity and beauty of a well-managed woodland setting.

The team at Epping Forest are available during office opening hours to answer all of your questions, helping with funeral arrangements and pre-planning requirements. On the day of the funeral we will offer a guiding hand and afterwards, when you return to visit your loved one’s grave, we will provide the warmest of welcomes.

Both our grounds and office team operate with years of experience, professionalism and empathy. We are very proud of the role we play in delivering impeccable service in a beautiful and totally natural environment.
Our park at Epping Forest is divided into a range of areas to allow customers greater choice. Some areas provide a wider landscape with more mature trees whilst others have different natural attributes which may be more relevant to your remembrance.

With that in mind we have set our prices considering two key factors:

- The overall desirability and accessibility of the park area and
- The intention to keep prices in line with a traditional burial

This way we ensure that our parks are open to people from all walks of life and all budgets.

All graves and cremated remains plots are for two people, allowing you the choice to be buried together if you so wish.

As a living woodland there may be times when an area is not open for a burial, but this is always made clear when you visit.

N.B. All areas on the map are currently available or planned for opening during 2019/2020.
Directions

The park is easy to find and accessible from all major routes. Our location and main roads in the area are clearly marked on the maps below:

*Times and distances sourced from Google Maps and trainline.com

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Opening hours
We are open 365 days a year and our team are available to discuss your requirements at the following times. However do check before visiting in case we have had to close early for any reason.

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