

Come and see it for yourself

A visit can help you decide whether natural burial is right for you and your family. You can see the setting, meet the people who care for it and ask any questions you may have.

Parking at the burial site is limited, with additional parking nearby at Alva Woodland Park.

Find out more

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Visit the Alva Woodland Natural Burial Site page on our website for further information at www.clacks.gov.uk/community/alvanaturalburialsite/ or by scanning the QR code.



Alva Woodland Natural Burial Site



A peaceful, natural resting place in the heart of Clackmannanshire

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A different kind of farewell

For people who want a simple and environmentally sensitive alternative to a traditional cemetery, Alva Woodland Burial Site offers a natural burial in a peaceful woodland setting.

Choosing where you or someone close to you will be laid to rest is deeply personal. Talking about your wishes in advance can make it easier for family and friends to honour the choice that feels right.

Why choose a natural burial?

- A quiet woodland environment kept as natural as possible
- Sustainable management that supports biodiversity
- A biodegradable coffin or body wrapping that returns naturally to the earth
- No embalming, avoiding chemicals that are unsuitable for the environment

A living woodland memorial

Each lair is identified by a stake. The Council plants the tree between October and March in the centre of the hexagonal grave. Native species may include oak, rowan, gean, birch and hazel.

There is one burial per lair. Lairs cannot be selected in advance, but after a burial the Council will accommodate one lair on either side for family members.



Keeping the site natural

Alva Woodland Burial site is designed to remain a natural landscape. Formal memorials and items placed on or around graves are not permitted. This protects the character of the woodland, avoids unnecessary maintenance and helps keep wildlife safe.

Natural flowers may be placed on the resting place. Planting snowdrops, bluebells and pollinator-friendly seeds is also acceptable.

Planning a burial or visit

Before making arrangements

- Speak to the Council's burial officers for guidance.
- Read section 13, 'Woodland Burial Ground', in the Management Rules for Cemeteries on the Council's website
- Make sure the coffin or body wrapping is fully biodegradable.
- Remember that embalming is not permitted.

When visiting

Wear clothing and footwear suitable for woodland ground. A portable or folding chair may be helpful for anyone who cannot stand for long. Please respect the quiet setting and the natural burial principles at all times.



