



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Michael's Wood is a beautiful established wood of mature trees. It was planted in the late 19th century and forms part of the privately owned Cholderton Estate, which is fully organic and accredited to the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. The estate is committed to the preservation of natural habitats and the promotion of bio-diversity and Michael's Wood forms part of this commitment. The wood provides a natural habitat for many species of plants, insects and supports a variety of wildlife. It is the aim of the estate that the wood should be allowed to retain all these elements, which will, in turn, provide a permanent and peaceful resting place for those who wish to be buried there.

To maintain the unique character of the wood, a set of terms and conditions were devised when the woodland burial ground was established in 2004. These are:

- **Only biodegradable environmentally friendly coffins are to be used. No chipboard, metal or plastic.**
- **No man made items or personal effects may be used on or around graves.**
- **No borders of any kind are to be created around graves.**
- **No coloured stone chips, windmills, gnomes, artificial flowers, ornaments, vases or personal effects of any kind may be placed on or around the grave.**
- **No seats or benches are permitted except where provided and positioned by the Estate.**
- **Only native wild flowers and plants and trees supplied by the Estate may be planted.**
- **Only wood memorials and Portland Stone tablets supplied by the Estate may be used.**
- **Compost is not permitted. Local topsoil can be provided on request.**
- **No rubbish is to be left behind, please take it home.**
- **Non-biodegradable tributes will be removed not less than 14 days after interment.**
- **Only the vehicle used to transport the deceased can be driven into Michael's Wood.**
- **Families can lightly maintain plots and the area directly around them, but the estate will not maintain individual plots. We also reserve the right to maintain the woodland how we see fit, in the interest of wildlife conservation.**

Please note - any non-compliant artifacts removed from graves can be collected from the estate office.

* From time to time we use photographs of plots (before & after), please tick here if you would like to opt out:

Name:

Address:

Agree and respect the wishes of Michael's Wood Natural Burial Ground

Signed: Date: