

Sun Rising

Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve

Lower Tysoe, Warwickshire



Quick Reference for Funeral Directors

Here are the basics for busy arrangers and directors coming to Sun Rising, our prestigious nature reserve burial ground in South Warwickshire. Whether it's a full funeral service, a simple burial or a committal after church, we hope this guide will be useful.

More Information and Prices

1. Check our website: <https://sunrising.co.uk>
On the home page, you'll find our A4 brochure which can be downloaded and printed.
2. Our price list can be found on our [Prices and Forms](#) page.
3. **Call us.** Try the landline (office) first: **01295 688488.**
If need be, try the mobile: **07792 294414.**
We are a small organisation, so are not always at the end of a phone or with a signal - please do leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Booking a Funeral at Sun Rising

1. Call us and we'll be happy to put a date into the diary. We can do funerals Monday – Saturday, usually 10 am to 3 pm. If it's just a committal, or during the summer, we can do later in the day
2. **Three Forms** are needed. They can be found on our [Prices and Forms](#) page:
 - a. our Application for Interment
 - b. our Order Form
 - c. our Grave Booking Form.

Please note: paperwork (including the Green Form) needs to be with us ***at least 3 working days before the funeral*** or the funeral may not be able to proceed.

NB: Coffin sizes: it is crucial to let us have the lid size (with any fixed handles), clearly written on our Grave Booking Form. We aim to dig graves to coffin or casket shape. Please do not add anything to the exact lid size: we will add 5" to the measurements provided. If a coffin lid is more than 30" wide, please enquire: it may be necessary to allocate two plots, and extra charges may be payable.

Arranging a Funeral at Sun Rising

1. **Embalmed** bodies are not permitted for burial at Sun Rising. There are a few exceptions, such as for a repatriation: please enquire.
2. **Coffins** must be fully biodegradable and non-toxic. We accept cardboard, willow, other woven materials, and unvarnished pine. Veneered coffins, varnished wood and

plastic coffin furniture are not permitted. Crem film or other plastics within the coffin are not permitted. If you have any doubt, please contact us before ordering a coffin.

3. **Clothing:** if the deceased is to be dressed, please ensure that all clothes are of natural fibres, such as cotton, wool and linen. Acrylics, polyesters, nylons (including standard 'shiny' nightgowns and shrouds) are not permitted. Calico shrouds are recommended.
4. **Plots:** families are welcome to choose the exact plot and any memorials. Please encourage the family to get in touch; they will need to make an appointment to meet a member of our staff who can explain the various options.
5. **Longhouse, Roundhouse or Mown Square:** there are three places where a funeral service can take place at Sun Rising. There is a charge for use of the Longhouse. Please be sure the family knows the options that are available and that you let us know what is required in good time.
6. **Coffin Bier:** our coffin bier is available for families that would like to use it, or where you would otherwise use a wheeled trolley. This is a four-wheeled bier with off-road motorbike wheels, suitable for our landscape. Metal trolleys do not work on the stone tracks and mown paths of the natural burial ground.
7. **Timing:** we assume a service will take no more than 60 minutes, and our gravedigger can begin backfilling after 90 minutes. It's usually possible to book more time for a longer funeral or for refreshments onsite afterwards. If the family would like more time, please ask.
8. **Music:** with prior arrangement, we can provide a PA system and/or microphone.
9. **Flowers:** all floral tributes must be fully compostable. Any floral tributes in oasis and plastic, dyed flowers, tributes with ribbons or glitter cannot be left at the burial ground. Cards should not be in plastic sleeves or on plastic holders.
10. **Numbers:** a maximum of 80 may attend a funeral at Sun Rising.
11. **Parking:** our south car park will fit 20 cars, the north car park will fit 30. If both car parks are required, there is a surcharge payable. Parking on the lane is not permitted.
12. **Donations:** [The Friends of Sun Rising](#) is our registered charity - this is the organisation that will care for and protect the nature reserve into the future. Families choosing to lay a loved one to rest at Sun Rising may wish to consider The Friends as their chosen charity for funeral donations.
13. **Invoicing:** once the family has chosen a plot, the date and any other details have been agreed, we are happy to send you an invoice. Payment can be by cheque on or before the day, or by BACS.

On the Day of the Funeral

1. **Directions:** please ensure the hearse and limousine drivers have the correct address for the natural burial ground and know which entrance they will be using. Check our [Directions](#) page.
2. **On arrival,** one of our team will be at the gate to greet you. We suggest your director introduces him/herself to us. We can then show them where the service will be held, the grave location, and the route to be taken.
3. **Any floral tributes** in oasis or plastic will need to be taken away by your director or the family at the end of the funeral.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries. Let us know if you're doing a recce before the funeral date: we'd be happy to show you around. We're here to help.

Emma, Liberty and David