# Sun Rising

## Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve



Near Lower Tysoe, South Warwickshire





A nature reserve burial ground is a place where loved ones can be laid to rest, where the beauty and peace of nature are paramount.

At Sun Rising we are creating 16 acres of carefully managed nature reserve, made up of wildflower meadow and grassland, native woodland, grassy rides and hedgerows, and a wildlife pond. It will be an extraordinary gift to our children, our grandchildren and generations to come.

## WOODLAND BURIAL

One option at Sun Rising is burial in an area of growing woodland. Here a tree can be planted on the grave, which in time will become part of a copse of native woodland.
A small slate plaque can be placed beside the tree, marking the grave.

## MEADOW BURIAL

The other option is burial in wildflower or grassland meadow, or along a grassy ride. Here the graves in time gently merge into the beauty of the flowers and grasses. In certain circumstances it is possible to reserve the adjacent plot.

Families can usually choose from a range of available plots.

## CREMATION

To be as eco-friendly as possible, we will always encourage burial rather than cremation. However, it is possible to inter ashes at Sun Rising in the woodland or along a grassy ride.



# FUNERALS



Funerals can be wholly traditional - with a black hearse and limousines, following a service in church, with a minister leading the committal.

Funerals can be entirely personal – a service can have a civil or humanist celebrant, laughter as well as tears, and the full involvement of family and friends, reading eulogies and reciting poetry.



Alternatively, a family may prefer to have more of a gathering than a service – sharing memories more informally, music playing, even raising a toast with a glass of wine. If it is in tune with the natural burial ground, we can strive to accommodate whatever the family would like to have.

There is no time limit – a funeral can be a simple ten minute committal at the graveside, or arrangements can be made for a funeral gathering to stay all afternoon.

# BELIEFS



At Sun Rising we welcome all religious and non-religious beliefs. While the majority of our funerals are Christian in one form or another, we have had Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Pagan and humanist funerals - many of which are spiritual without being religious.



# COFFINS AND CASKETS



As a nature reserve, we only accept coffins and caskets that are fully biodegradable and low in toxins for burial and interment of ashes.

This means willow, bamboo and other woven or wicker materials, cardboard, plain pine - your funeral director will have a choice. We also accept shroud burials.



For funerals with family bearers, or for funeral directors who do not carry, we have our own wooden coffin bier.

# MEMORIALS

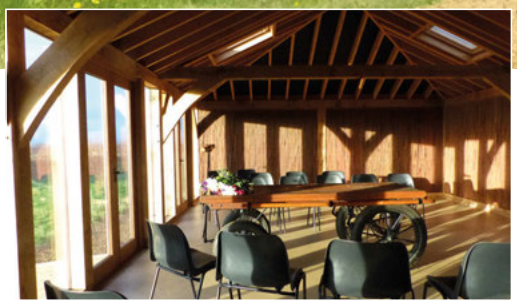
In woodland burial areas, a native tree can be planted on the plot, which can also be marked with a Welsh slate plaque. In both woodland and meadow areas, it is possible to have a slate plaque on one of the shared memorial posts that stand along the paths and verges.



Occasionally there is the opportunity for a solid oak bench, a bird nestbox or bat roosting box, to be installed in memory of a loved one. On our autumn planting days, native bulbs and wildflowers can be planted on graves or elsewhere in the nature reserve.







## THE VENUE

Although some choose to go to church before a committal here, the majority of families hold the complete funeral and burial service at Sun Rising. With music, memories, poetry or prayers, the calm of Sun Rising infuses the whole occasion.

Our oak-framed Longhouse is a perfect venue for a funeral service. With a warm and rustic feel, guests can be seated or stand. The windows look out over the meadow towards the Warwickshire hills.



Our Cotswold stone Roundhouse is in the centre of the burial ground. This is another option, particularly suitable for smaller funerals where the family would rather be in the heart of nature. Willow screens can be put up if the weather is inclement.

During summer months, it may be possible to hire a marquee. Alternatively, services can take place on one of our mown areas or at the graveside.



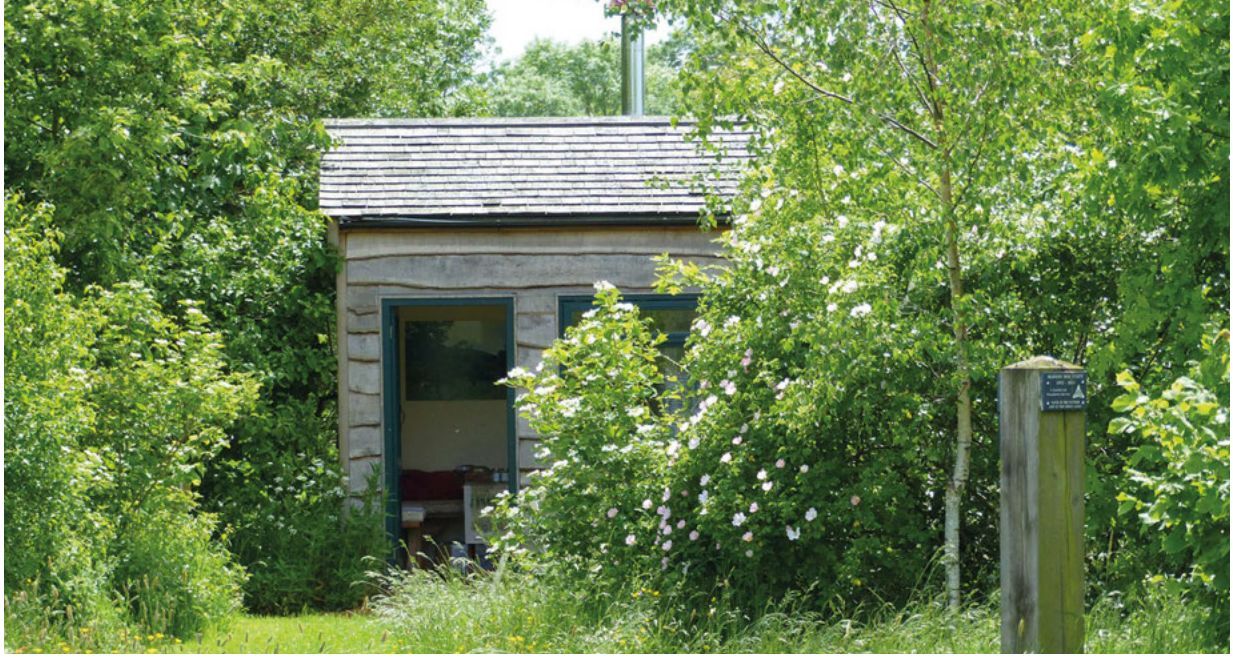
A maximum of 80 people can attend, and we can have parking available for 50 cars.

## AND AFTER

Some families choose to offer refreshments to guests here at Sun Rising. This could be an informal picnic on the grass, tea and cake in the Longhouse, or something more with professional caterers.



Otherwise, a handful of local pubs and hotels are experienced in catering for gatherings after funerals at Sun Rising. Your funeral director may have suggestions, or we can make recommendations according to what would best suit your needs.



## CABINS AND TOILETS

There is a wooden cabin near each car park where we can meet families to discuss wishes, arrangements and requirements. There are two eco-toilets, one in the south cabin and one near the Longhouse. Facilities are available when a member of staff is onsite.

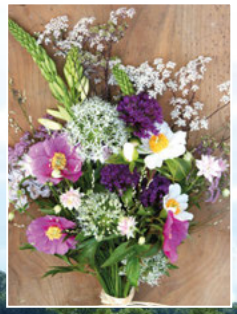
## FLOWERS

Families are welcome to bring flowers to a funeral, or to lay flowers on graves when visiting. These need to be fully compostable – no plastic, foam, wire, dyed flowers or glitter is permitted. Flowers are left on graves for 4 – 5 days, or until they begin to look untidy.

## DONATIONS

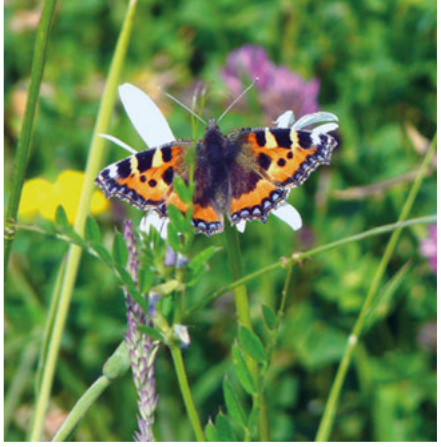
Many families choose a charity for donations to be collected in memory of their loved one.
You may like to consider donations towards a memorial tree, bulbs or wildflowers at Sun Rising, or to our charity, The Friends of Sun Rising. Your funeral director will be happy to organise the collection.





## VISITING

Sun Rising is open every day of the year. Visiting hours can be found on the website and the entrance gate. If you need particular help, for example, to open gates or find a grave, please call and a member of staff may be able to meet you.



## EVENTS

We like to think of Sun Rising not as a cemetery, but as a beautiful place to visit. Through the year, we have nature walks, music recitals, volunteer days and other events. We also have a mailing list and newsletter which keeps families up to date with news and events should they wish to subscribe.



## SECURING THE FUTURE

Long-term security is crucial for Sun Rising. Every family needs to know that the peace and beauty of the natural burial ground will be there in the future. However, unlike a local authority cemetery, we receive no external funding. The beautiful nature reserve you see today has been made possible by people who have trusted us with the funerals of their loved ones. That means, when our burial areas are full, our income will come to an end.

That's why we established our charity, The Friends of Sun Rising. Its mission is to raise a capital fund that will ensure the burial ground's care and protection, so the nature reserve can thrive – in perpetuity. Please ask for more information.





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## EASY TO FIND

It is easy to find Sun Rising: We are just at the bottom of Sun Rising Hill, signposted off the A422, near Lower Tysoe.
Postcode: CV35 0DG
W3W: South Entrance: forget.brambles.debt
North Entrance: overcomes.store.muddle



## GET IN TOUCH

Whether you are thinking about the future, or arranging a funeral now, you can get in touch with us at any time. Working closely with funeral directors, we are on hand to talk through arrangements for a funeral, providing support on the day, and care beyond.

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