

Sun Rising

Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve



Quick Reference for Funeral Directors

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

More Information and Prices

1. Check our website: sunrisingburialground.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're a small organisation, so not always at the end of phone 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 needs to be with us *at least 3 working days before the funeral* or the funeral may not be able to proceed.

Arranging a Funeral at Sun Rising

1. **Plots:** families are welcome to get in touch with us direct to arrange to come over and choose the exact plot and any memorials.
3. **Embalmed** bodies are not permitted for burial at Sun Rising.
4. **Coffins** must be fully biodegradable, such as cardboard, willow, other woven material, or 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.

5. **Clothing:** please ensure that if the deceased is to be dressed, clothes are of natural fibres, such as cotton, wool and linen. Acrylics, polyesters, nylons (including standard 'shiny' nightgowns and shrouds) are not permitted.
6. **Music:** with prior arrangement, we can provide a PA system for pre-recorded music or a microphone.
7. **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.
8. **Bier:** we have a coffin bier available for use where the family would like it, or where you would otherwise use a wheeled trolley. Metal trolleys do not work on the stone tracks and mown paths of the natural burial ground.
9. **Numbers:** our main car park will fit 20 – 25 cars with some double parking. If more are expected, by prior arrangement we can open our top car park, where a further 25 cars can be parked. During wet periods, it may not be possible to accommodate more than 50 cars. When the ground is dry, we can accommodate more on grass. Parking on the lane is not permitted.
10. **Donations:** [The Friends of Sun Rising](#) is our registered charity - this is the organisation that will care for the nature reserve, protecting it 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.
11. **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.
12. **Coffin sizes:** it is crucial to let us have the lid size (with any fixed handles), clearly written on our Grave Booking Form, at least three working days before the funeral. 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.

On the Day of the Funeral

1. **Directions:** please ensure the hearse and limousine drivers have the correct address for the natural burial ground. 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 and David