



ARNOS VALE  
CEMETERY

# Burials, Scatterings and Memorial Services

BATH ROAD, BRISTOL

*A tranquil resting place in a vibrant landscape*

Established 1839







This brochure is an overview of the services we offer.

It's often easier to talk in person – our Cemetery Service Co-ordinator Vanessa Spencer is always on hand to talk through your requirements and answer any questions – please do not hesitate to call:

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## ARNOS VALE

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Arnos Vale is a unique cemetery and beloved Bristol landmark. Established at the start of Queen Victoria's reign, its architects created a scenic garden for gentle recreation and respectful remembrance of those who had passed.

Following this tradition, Arnos Vale has been re-established as a serene final resting place, a beautiful natural landscape, and a welcoming location that encourages visitors to celebrate life and remember those who've passed.

*It is extraordinary, humbling  
and magical*

M.G., JUNE 2015

The staff of Arnos Vale are proud guardians of over 170 years of history and the memorials to over 300,000 people.

Arnos Vale Cemetery is run by a charitable trust, working to uphold traditional values. Our small, experienced, empathetic team create warm connections with families.

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Arnos Vale is open 365 days a year.





*The living and the dead,  
The awake and the sleeping,  
The young and the old  
are all one and the same.*

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## BURIALS

Arnos Vale is one of a few cemeteries in Bristol that allows pre-purchase of plots as well as immediate burials.

Grave plots are available in many areas of the cemetery and, of course, loved ones may be interred in an existing family plot within the grounds.

*Funeral arrangements are usually handled by your Funeral Director. We are happy to discuss the location and availability of plots and we have good relationships with local undertakers. Your funeral director will usually help you order a headstone but we can also refer you to a recommended local stonemason.*

## FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Arnos Vale's Grade II listed Anglican Chapel, with its simple, classic interior is a beautiful setting to hold a funeral or remembrance service.

You may hold a religious or non-religious memorial gathering at Arnos Vale.

Those who wish to feel close to nature can hold a service in our Woodland Centre nestled in the natural landscape of Arnos Vale.

*The buildings may be hired for as long as you need – from an hour to a full day. We can help to arrange music and catering on your behalf.*



*Thank you so much for your help with all the arrangements, and for your involvement in the ceremony – your words were just right for the occasion, we all appreciated them. D.C., NOVEMBER 2015*



*Arnos Vale is the best version of a cemetery I know and I am 'glad' to have them watching over some of my relatives.*

BB, JULY 2015



*Ashes can be buried or scattered within the grounds of Arnos Vale Cemetery.*

## CREMATION PLOTS

If you have an existing family grave within the cemetery you may arrange for burial within the existing plot.

A new cremation plot to bury a casket of ashes can be purchased. Plots hold two caskets so that a second person's remains can be added when the time comes.

*Cremation plots are marked with a memorial stone – we'd be pleased to talk through the options with you.*

## SCATTERING OF ASHES

Arnos Vale has two peaceful and very well maintained Gardens of Rest close to Ceremonial Way, where you may wish to scatter the ashes of your loved one.

Some families choose to have a small informal ceremony at the time of scattering – our staff are always on hand to say a few words to mark the occasion if you choose. Others decide to have a memorial service or family gathering in the Anglican Chapel or the adjacent Spielman Centre. Both are Grade II listed classical buildings with high-ceilings and ample room for gatherings of up to 100 people.

*Arnos Vale does not have a crematorium.*

## LASTING COMMEMORATION

### PLAQUES AND MEMORIALS

There are a number of ways you can commemorate your loved one within the grounds of Arnos Vale. You can place a plaque under one of our existing trees, or in the Gardens of Rest. A memorial bench is a lovely way to provide a relaxing place to remember those departed. A plaque can be placed on our Memorial Wall.

Our West Lodge houses Books of Remembrance in which you can include an calligraphic entry, whether your loved one's final resting place is Arnos Vale or elsewhere.

The pages of the books are turned daily to remember people who passed that day.

### GRAVE TIDY

For those who are unable to tend their loved one's grave regularly we provide a grave tidy service to remove all plants and weeds and ensure the path to the grave is accessible. This service can also be carried out for the grave of any person interred here over the last 170 years.







ARNOS VALE



*Arnos Vale is a place to remember loved ones.  
We never forget that family is foremost –  
at the time of the funeral and long after.*

Arnos Vale is not run by Bristol City Council. You will be personally looked after by our team. Please don't hesitate to contact our Cemetery Services Co-ordinator, Vanessa Spencer if you have any questions.

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