

ARNOS VALE CEMETERY TRUST

Bereavement services
Burials, scatterings & memorial services



Arnos Vale Cemetery

Created in 1839, Arnos Vale Cemetery is a peaceful Victorian garden cemetery. It's a unique place where remembrance, nature, history, and community come together.

This guide is here to help you understand the services we offer, whether you're planning a funeral, looking for a loved one's grave, or thinking about ways to remember someone special.

Alongside our funeral services, Arnos Vale is also a place of heritage and nature. With historic buildings, listed monuments, and rich wildlife, it's somewhere you can connect with both the past and the natural world.

Today, the cemetery is cared for by the Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust, its aim is to ensure the cemetery retains its unique character.

“Thank you so much for holding my Mum’s funeral and wake. You made what was such a difficult day as easy and bearable as possible. From the moment we all arrived you made us all feel as relaxed and confident as possible. It all worked seamlessly due to your hard work. Arnos Vale is such a wonderful place of serenity in the middle of the urban sprawl. It will always feel like a special place to our family and it will be cherished.”

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What we offer

We know losing someone is personal and deeply emotional. Our team is here to support you with care, understanding, and gentle guidance.

At Arnos Vale, we believe that every life is unique, and every farewell should be too. That's why we offer families the time and space they need to reflect, plan, and create a send-off that truly honours their loved one. There's no rush—whether you need to gather family from afar, incorporate special elements, or simply sit with your grief, we will support you with patience and flexibility. Our staff work closely with you to shape a meaningful, appropriate tribute—something heartfelt, personal, and right for the person you've lost. We only hold one funeral a day, giving you the time you, and your loved one, deserve.

Arnos Vale welcomes people of all beliefs and backgrounds. We offer a range of options, from traditional funerals and cremation plots to woodland burials and other personal ways to commemorate a life.

“The service was lovely and exactly what we wanted. Thank you again for guiding us through this process. It has been much appreciated.”

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Our services



Traditional burials

A traditional burial is the interment of a coffin into an earthen grave.

This type of burial site can be used for up to two burials and between two and four sets of ashes.

A traditional memorial headstone with stone kerbs and a vase, that is in keeping with the current historical monuments and surroundings, can be placed to memorialise a loved one. Together, these elements create a dignified and meaningful tribute to those who have passed, becoming a lasting place of remembrance, where loved ones can visit, reflect, and honour a life lived.

Pre-purchase

We are unable to offer the pre-purchase of graves or cremation plots for future planning. However, there are various pre-payment plan options available through local funeral directors, should you wish to explore these or prefer to set aside funds for future arrangements. If you have a life-limiting illness and would like to discuss available options, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

From: £9,995

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Natural burials

Natural woodland burial is the choice to be buried in an environmentally friendly woodland setting rather than a traditional cemetery grave. It's an eco-conscious way to bury your loved ones in a natural, peaceful setting.

The Arnos Vale Natural Burial Woodland is situated at the top of Arnos Vale cemetery adjacent to Arnos Park. This five acre woodland coombe was originally used as an orchard space by the Victorian owners. The woodland has grown naturally over time to become a wildlife haven for many birds and animals and offers a peaceful space for those wishing to have a more natural final resting place.

This type of burial site can be used for one person.

From: £3,995

Arnos Vale Natural Burial Woodland is accredited by The Natural Death Centre, registered charity #1091396
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Ashes - interment

Whilst we no longer carry out cremations on site, we work closely with you to arrange a heartfelt, thoughtful and flexible farewell, allowing you to honour your loved one in a personal and meaningful way.

Cremation plots

Cremation plots, in traditional areas of the cemetery, for two sets of ashes, and a granite memorial, from £2,255

Woodland glade

A plot in the serene New Burial Woodland, for one set of ashes, and a cremation plot marker, from £1,600



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Garden of Rest,
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Ashes - scattering

After a cremation, ashes can be scattered within our peaceful grounds, in one of our two Gardens of Rest, or in our beautiful natural woodland glade.

Scattering of ashes in a Garden of Rest, from £110

Scattering of ashes in the woodland glade, from £195



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Memorials & remembrance

At Arnos Vale, we understand the importance of remembrance and the wish to honour a loved one in a lasting, meaningful way. Our historic cemetery offers a range of memorial options, allowing families to leave a personal mark whilst becoming part of this unique heritage landscape.

Choices include dedicating a **memorial bench**, adding an entry to our **Book of Remembrance**, or **adopting a tree**—each creating a lasting tribute in harmony with nature. We're also open to **new ideas**. If you have something special in mind that isn't listed, we're happy to discuss it with you.

At Arnos Vale, memorials are more than markers—they become part of a living story, preserving memory and meaning in a place of beauty and history.

Funerals & celebration of life



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At Arnos Vale, we offer a range of funeral, wake and celebration of life services to help you say goodbye in a way that feels right for you and your loved ones. Whether you're planning a simple, quiet farewell or perhaps a more unique and highly personalised gathering, we're here to support you with compassion, flexibility and care.

We welcome all faiths, cultures, and beliefs, and offer both traditional and alternative options.

Services can take place in a number of beautiful and unique spaces across the cemetery grounds. The **Anglican Chapel**, with its elegant architecture, is a beautiful location to hold religious ceremonies, non-religious services and contemporary gatherings. The **Spielman Centre**, a light-filled converted chapel, provides a calm and reflective setting for wakes and receptions. For those who prefer the outdoors, the **Underwood Centre** offers a natural, peaceful space for open-air ceremonies.

We usually only hold one funeral, wake or celebration of life a day, ensuring family can have the time to mark the passing of their loved one, without feeling hurried.

Whatever you choose, Arnos Vale is a place where memories can be honoured with dignity and warmth.

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Anglican Chapel

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Other services

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In addition to offering beautiful spaces for funerals and memorials, Arnos Vale provides a range of additional services to support families and those with a connection to the cemetery's history.

Record search

If you're looking to trace family members, or discover the stories of those buried here, we can conduct a record search to help you track down a grave or cremation plot's details. Visit <https://arnosvale.org.uk/product/records-search/>.

Prices from £20

Grave clearance

We offer a grave clearance service, where debris and overgrown vegetation is removed to restore its appearance.

After a record search, from £95

Rights transfer

After the death of a grave's original owner, the grave's rights can be transferred to a new owner, after a record search,

from £150





Contact

Visiting us

On foot or bike: Enter from Bath Road entrance, Cemetery Road, or Arnos Park. Bike racks are available.

By train: The nearest train station is Bristol Temple Meads, a mile to the west.

By bus: Services 1, X39, 57, 178 and 349 stop nearby

By car: Use postcode BS4 3EW for the main Bath Road entrance. There's parking available by the chapels. We are outside Bristol's clean air zone, but please be aware of it if you're coming from the city centre.

Opening times:

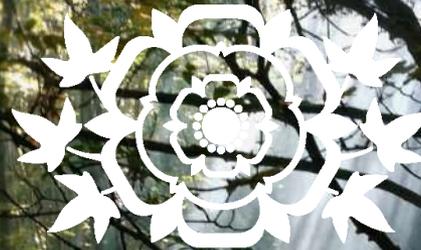
Gates open: 9am – 5pm
Book of Remembrance (West Lodge) room open:
10.30am – 4pm

Subject to change on Bank Holidays.

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A place of rest, a legacy of care

Arnos Vale Cemetery is a 45-acre Grade II* Listed historic garden cemetery in the heart of Bristol, where history, heritage, and natural beauty come together. As a registered charity, it is cared for and conserved for the benefit of all.

By choosing Arnos Vale Cemetery as the final resting place for your loved one, you are helping to safeguard this unique and irreplaceable landscape. Through each act of remembrance, you help ensure Arnos Vale Cemetery remains a place of peace, reflection, and sanctuary for generations to come.