



THE ARBORY TRUST

### Guidance for those arranging an interment at Barton

- Decide whether to instruct a funeral director. You do NOT have to use one. A good firm will do as much OR AS LITTLE as you want. We can advise you if you wish to do most things yourself
- Any coffin chosen needs to be biodegradable e.g. simple pine, willow, cardboard, bamboo, recycled pulp board or wool and should NOT have any metal handles or fixings. Any liner should be cotton, linen or jute, not plastic. Burial in a shroud with base board is perfectly acceptable. Embalming is not permitted.

Many coffins can be ordered online or direct from the makers e.g. cardboard coffins from Greenfield. This is an excellent website with an enormous amount of information on this and many other topics <http://www.goodfuneralguide.co.uk/the-ceremony/coffins/>

- Funerals cannot take place on Wednesdays because this is the advertised open day. In **very** exceptional circumstances, a Saturday funeral may be possible
- Decide what sort of funeral you want. The Lodge at Barton will open for a funeral 45 minutes before the start time and remain open for a short time afterwards so that toilets are available. The Lodge can be booked officially for a service and/or gathering afterwards [fees will apply]. Please ensure that everyone knows where the burial ground is located.
- The family may bring photos and mementos to decorate the Lodge but these must be brought as early as possible on the day and collected up promptly. The chairs may be moved into a circle for a Quaker service but must be replaced afterwards.

Music can be played in various formats using the Lodge audio system. It is advisable to check in advance that their choice of music format plays correctly on our system. Staff will play music from CDs. Other gadgets [phone/tablet/laptop/ USB stick etc.] will have to be operated by another designated person. Please tell staff if the electric keyboard is required so it can be set up in advance.

- Ideally flowers for a funeral should not be in oasis, cellophane or have plastic trays. However, any florists arrangements containing such items brought on the day can remain for a short period and will be removed once the flowers have died. Ornaments, vases, balloons, ribbons and other such items are not allowed. They will be removed immediately
- Make sure that everyone coming knows that it is a wooded and grassy area. Appropriate footwear will be needed.
- An additional car may follow the hearse to the graveside if there are mourners who are disabled or too frail to walk any distance