

Introduction

Theobald's Green Burial Ground, including its Woodland Burial Ground, is owned and managed by Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council and provides a tranquil, respectful traditional burial ground with ashes plots, a woodland burial for earthen and ash interments and a further woodland area for the scattering of ashes. Set in the beautiful East Sussex countryside on the outskirts of Heathfield, the burial grounds offer a quiet and serene atmosphere for those seeking a tranquil final resting place.

As part of their commitment to sustainable management, the Parish Council aim to create and maintain a beautiful natural setting for family and friends to visit.



At the heart of the site is a traditional Cart Barn, for outdoor services and gatherings in connection with burials and interments. Facilities include an accessible toilets and car park.



The Woodland Burial Ground – A Living Memorial

The Woodland Burial Ground at Theobald's Green is the only woodland burial site in East Sussex. It has been established and is managed as a natural landscape, where remembrance is expressed through living trees, wildflowers and wildlife rather than through conventional memorials. The burial grounds are open to parishioners and non-parishioners, and to people of all faiths and beliefs. From an environmental and conservation perspective, the site is managed according to the following principles:

- The area is maintained primarily for biodiversity and habitat creation
- Grass cutting is limited and seasonal to support wildflowers and insects
- Trees, shrubs and native planting form the permanent living memorials
- Graves are seeded with grass and wildflowers once settlement has taken place
- Only biodegradable coffins and natural materials are permitted

This approach allows the landscape to mature naturally over time, creating a peaceful place that supports wildlife and offers comfort to visitors.



Traditional Burial Ground

Alongside the woodland area, Theobald's Green also provides traditional burial and ashes plots, maintained to a high standard by the Parish Council. These areas offer a more conventional cemetery setting while still benefiting from the site's rural surroundings. These areas are operated in an open, inclusive and respectful way, being:

- Open to all faiths, beliefs and none
- Open to parishioners and non-parishioners
- Managed with dignity, care and long-term stewardship
- Supported by clear regulations to protect both families and the environment



Across the burial grounds, memorial benches are thoughtfully placed to offer spaces for quiet reflection, remembrance and rest, allowing visitors time to pause and connect with the surroundings.

Opening Times

The burial ground is open from 8.00 am to dusk and dogs are allowed if kept on leads and to the paths.

If you would like to talk to a member of staff regarding a burial or reserving a plot, please contact us on 01435 865700 or email info@hwpc.org.uk



Fees 2025-26 and Professional Standards

The burial ground was awarded the Small Burial Grounds Commended Certification for 2024-25, awarded in conjunction with Cemetery of the Year Awards and the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management. HWPC is registered with British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons.

The Parish Council operates a two-tier fee structure for parishioners and non-parishioners. This reflects a principle of fairness and equity - parishioners contribute to the ongoing maintenance, staffing and long-term care of the burial grounds through their Council Tax, while non-parishioners do not. The differential ensures that residents are not subsidising burial provision for those outside the parish. All fees are reviewed annually in the Autumn.

Woodland Burial Plots (single depth)

Fee Type	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Exclusive Right of Burial (75 years)	£700	£1,400
Interment	£800	£1,500
Reservation*	£125	£365

*Reservations are accepted, but plots are allocated at the time of need to protect established and maturing trees.

Woodland Ashes Plots

Fee Type	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Exclusive Right of Burial (75 years)	£300	£600
Interment – first ashes	£250	£410
Second ashes (same time)	£195	£390
Re-opening for subsequent ashes	£195	£390
Scattering of ashes	£50	£150



DIRECTIONS

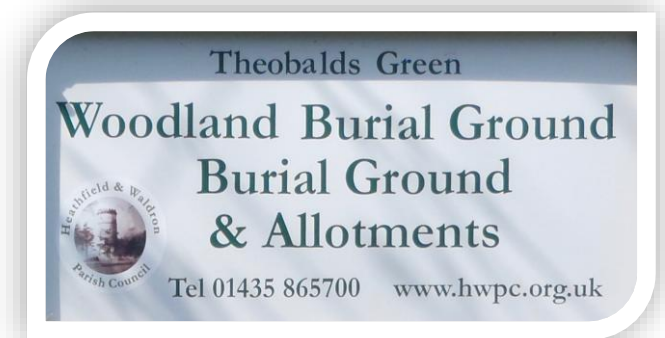
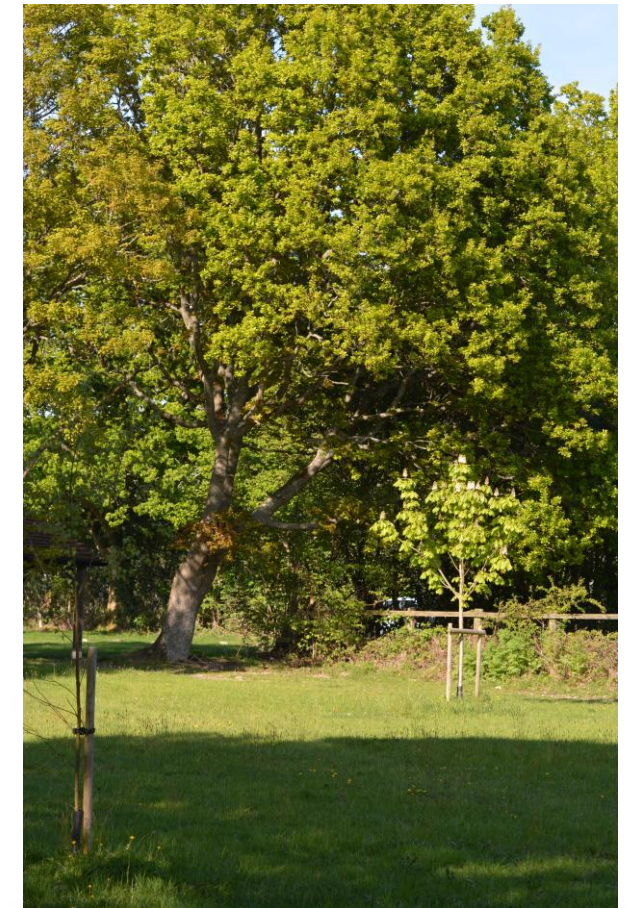
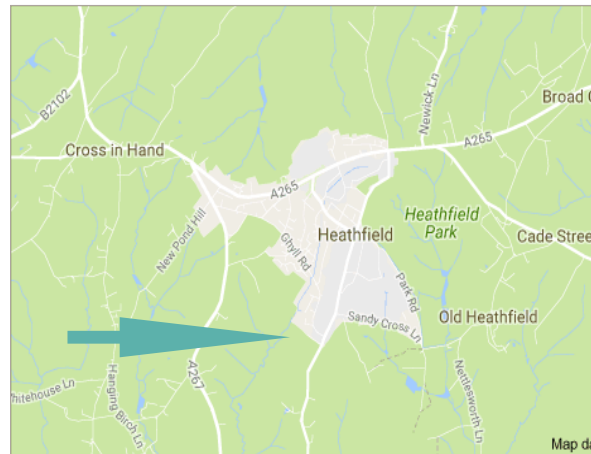
From Horam/Hailsham on the A267, turn right onto the B2203 through Horam High Street continue through Maynards Green, past the Runt-in-Tun public house on your right and the entrance to the site is shortly after on your left-hand side.

From Heathfield High Street turn into Station Road, follow to the traffic lights at the Heathfield Tavern public house, turn right into Hailsham Road B2203 and a short distance after Ghyll Road the site will be on your right-hand side.

Turn into the site and follow the access road through the allotments area. The burial grounds are located at the rear of the site, either side of the cart lodge building.

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