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The JJBS Woodland Cemetery has been developed as a natural wooded area with English woodland trees and plants. Maturity will take a number of years, until full tree cover is established, graves may be marked with suitable plants which will eventually naturalise under the tree cover. Although certain stone memorials are permitted, the aim is to ensure that everything else in the cemetery is completely natural, with no plastic or other materials on the graves.

For those who want a woodland environment but an upright stone, there is also a lawn area where the grave is marked with a simple upright stone and is surrounded by grass. In addition there is a columbarium where cremated ashes can be interred and marked with a plaque.

In the woodland section, relatives have the choice of two areas: the natural area, which will be seeded with grass and meadow plant and is allowed to naturalise immediately with no individual grave spaces delineated, or the garden area: if so wished, the relatives can arrange for the individual grave to be planted with a specific selection of woodland plants, for full details and approved list look on the JJBS website under FAQs: flowers and wreaths.

After an interment in the Woodland Cemetery, a plain wooden frame is placed around the grave while the ground is allowed to settle. Seeding or planting is completed a few weeks before the stone setting, The timing is approximately a year after interment. To maintain the natural look, only plants from the JJBS approved list can be put in or on the grave - either by the family, or by one of our approved gardeners or the Woodland Cemetery staff, this planting is at the family's own cost. We request that before you plant up a plot, that you contact one of our staff who will be happy to advise you.

JJBS is continuing to plant trees and if you wish to designate one as a memorial, please contact us. No shrubs or trees may be planted on the plot itself. No planting is allowed in the Lawn Cemetery. No other decoration, such as pebbles, gravel or

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bark, flower vases, additional plaques or surround, may be placed on the grave. Any unsuitable addition will be removed. To keep in line with our environmental policy, plastic flowers are not permitted under any circumstance. According to Jewish tradition, small pebbles can be placed on the name plaque, but it is recommended that these are removed periodically as they can damage the stone. Non-Jewish symbols are not permitted.

Once the planting is complete they will be allowed to naturalise in the woodland environment under the trees as they are planted. The area around the graves will be kept tidy by the cemetery staff but the family is responsible for maintaining the gravestone and looking after any plants. It must be understood that, as part of tree planting programme and the naturalising process, the nature of the area will change over time as it becomes a mature woodland. Any unmaintained graves will be allowed to naturalise. The location of every grave is marked on our plan of the cemetery.

Arrangements for stone settings and agreeing the wording on tombstones should be made with the office. Arrangements for the memorial stone should be made with the approved stone masons except for the columbarium, for which you will first need to contact the Sextons.

These are native British Species, depending on the situation of the grave some species grow better than others. The Sextons or gardeners will be happy to provide you with more information or guidance.

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List of approved plants

Spring

Anemone nemorosa
Viola odorata & riviniana

Ajuga reptans
Lamium maculatum
Sedum anglicum
Saxifraga granulata
Euphorbia amygdaloides
Hyacinthoides non-scripta
Convallaria majalis
Digitalis purpurea
Polygonatum×hybridum

Wood Anemone
English & Dogs Tooth
Violets
Bugle
Spotted Dead Nettle
Mossy English Sedum
Mossy Saxifrage
Wood Spurge - Mrs Robb
English Bluebell
Lily of the Valley
Foxgloves
Solomon's Seal

Summer

Thymus polytrichus
Geranium pratense
Papaver nudicaule
Geranium sylvaticum
Persicaria bistorta
Origanum vulgare
Malva moschata
Achillea millefolium
Campanula trachelium
Lysimachia vulgaris
Campanula glomerata
Verbascum nigrum
Succisa pratensis
Deschampsia flexuosa
Lythrum salicaria
Festuca glauca

Wild British Thyme
Meadow Cranesbill
Native Poppy
Wood Cranesbill
Dragons Tongue - Bistort
Wild Marjoram
Musk Mallow
Yarrow
Nettle-leaved Bellflower
Yellow Loosestrife
Clustered Bellflower
Mullein
Devil's Bit Scabious
Wavy Hair Grass
Purple Loosestrife
Blue Fescue

Autumn*

Polystichum setiferum

Soft Shield Fern
small cultivars please

Winter

Eranthis hyemalis
Galanthus nivalis
Primula vulgaris & veris

Asplenium scolopendrium
Helleborus niger
Narcissus

Winter Aconite
Snowdrops
Primroses & Cowslips,
Yellow & White
Hart's Tongue Fern
Christmas Rose
Simple Daffodils

*Autumn is the ideal time to plant spring bulbs or some primulas, white & yellow cultivars.