

Comments from visitors:

"Having visited graveyards and cemeteries over the last 40 years in the UK, Europe and overseas, we would rate this amongst the most splendidly well-kept cemeteries we have seen anywhere."

"Without doubt this must rank as top of the top-kept cemeteries. It is a great credit to all of the staff."

Cemetery opening hours:

Summer: April to September 8am to 8pm

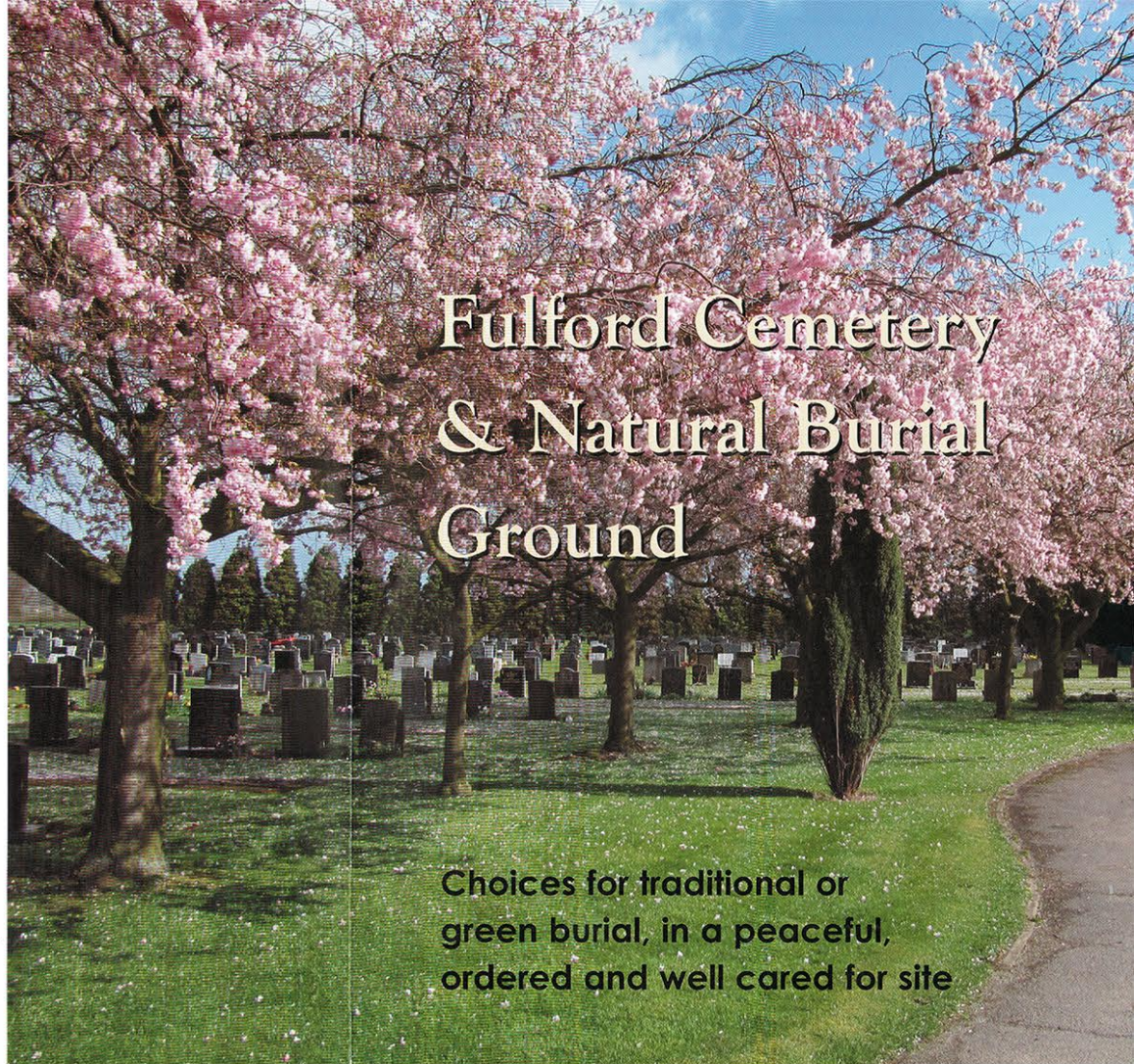
Winter: October to March 8am to 5pm

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REGULATIONS FOR NATURAL BURIAL

- Only biodegradable coffins and containers are permitted.
- Natural wood coffins are acceptable if made from sustainable wood.
- Interments are permitted with the wrapping of a shroud from natural fibres.
- The strewing of cremated remains is not permitted.
- The erecting of permanent markers such as headstones, vases and other containers is not permitted.
- Floral tributes may be placed on the grave after an interment for up to a week.
- Markers placed below ground enable accurate recording of the graves in the Burial Registers.



Fulford Cemetery & Natural Burial Ground

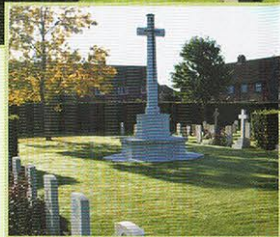
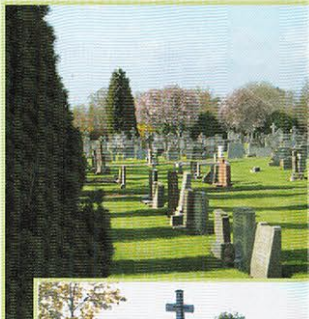
Choices for traditional or green burial, in a peaceful, ordered and well cared for site

Fulford Cemetery

Fulford Cemetery is owned and maintained by Fulford Parish Council. It is the main burial site for the City of York and is open to people of all faiths and from any area.

The cemetery is a 28 acre open-plan lawned cemetery, maintained to a very high standard. The site is bordered by trees and characterized by an open, carefully maintained layout. All graves are dug by the cemetery staff, by hand.

There is an area for Muslim burials, a separate area for children, and facilities for the burial of cremated remains. There is a large military section which, together with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, is maintained to a very high standard and contains the graves of military personnel who lost their lives whilst serving in World War I & II.



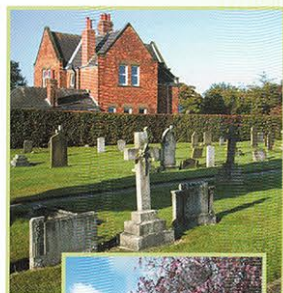
The Natural Burial Ground

Natural burial is available from spring 2011, offering an environmentally friendly and cost-effective alternative to a traditional funeral.

Currently the natural burial ground is simply a spacious green area open to the sky and rural views. Its entrance is marked by a wooden lych gate, and its edge bordered by a mix of indigenous trees, both established and saplings.

Detailed planting schemes are under way which mean that in future years the area will be framed with attractive glades of trees, and adorned by swathes of bulbs and wild flowers. Oak, beech, pine, flowering cherry and crab apple are amongst the trees being planted. Wild flower seed will be available to scatter on graves.

The area will be managed ecologically, and it is hoped it will become a sanctuary for wildlife, birds, and visitors alike. A burial plot here will become part of the seasons' natural rhythm, of new growth and development.



Management and planning

Day to day management of the Cemetery is in the hands of the Superintendent, Stuart McCabe, supported by a part-time administrative assistant and five full-time groundsmen. The staff offer a friendly and accessible service, and are always ready to help visitors to the cemetery.

The main cemetery site has recently been extended, ensuring Fulford Cemetery will be able to serve the community for many decades to come. Attractive fresh planting is planned, using the structure of a new network of paths and pergolas.



Keeping green

The site of a grave is chosen in liaison with the cemetery superintendent, and then excavated by cemetery staff. In order to maintain the area's natural appearance, no headstones or other permanent markers of any sort will be used.

Instead, in the natural burial ground, markers are placed below ground with details of the deceased, and recorded in the cemetery office.

Naturally, in these surroundings only biodegradable coffins and containers are appropriate, or wood coffins from a sustainable tree forest. Interments are also permitted with the wrapping of a shroud from natural fibres.

