

## USEFUL WEBSITES

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Natural Conclusion – for more detailed information on our services.

[www.naturalconclusion.com](http://www.naturalconclusion.com)

The Lincolnshire Community Foundation – to find out about permanent endowment.

[www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk)

Hill Holt Wood – the environmental social enterprise which runs Big Wood.

[www.hillholtwood.com](http://www.hillholtwood.com)

Funeral Information UK – directory of Funeral Directors

[www.uk-funerals.co.uk](http://www.uk-funerals.co.uk)

The Natural Death Centre – General information about green burials.

[www.naturaldeath.org.uk](http://www.naturaldeath.org.uk)



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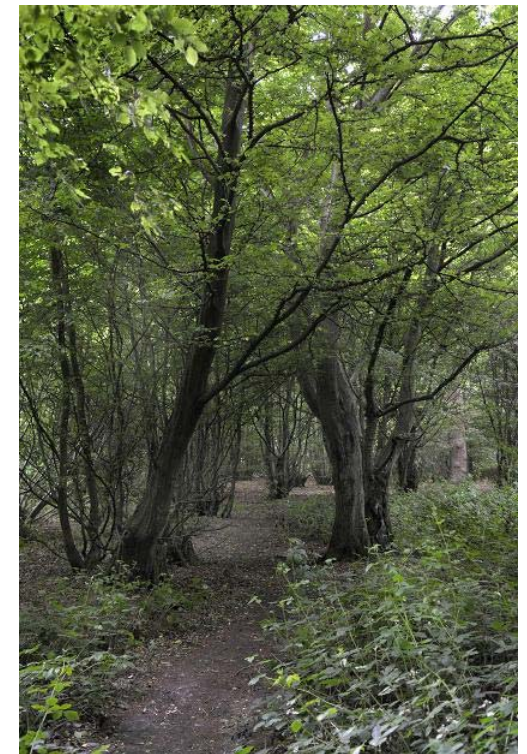
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## NATURAL CONCLUSION

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Natural Conclusion is the environmentally friendly alternative to using a cemetery or churchyard.

A peaceful and beautiful resting place for those we have loved where trees, flowers and animals create a living memorial to all who rest here.



## ABOUT GREEN BURIALS

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### What's the point?

There are some very significant differences between a traditional burial and the green alternative.

One of the most noticeable differences is the lack of a headstone on the grave. Over time a headstone is often neglected, as can be seen in churchyards throughout the country. Of course, the individual plots are mapped and marked, but with Natural Conclusions, a living memorial is created in the form of the environment around the burial plot, rich in thriving flora and fauna for generations to come.

With a green burial the coffin is made from materials which bio-degrade quickly such as willow or cardboard. Tropical hardwoods, which are commonly used in traditional burials, often come from non sustainable sources. Shipping them to the UK has a huge effect on the environment. There are also no embalming fluids used on the body as these have a hugely detrimental effect on the environment, particularly the soil.

## ABOUT US

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### Background:

Natural Conclusion was formed in October 2009 by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation, a grant making Trust, charity number 1092328.

Our set-up costs have been met by EcoMinds, a Big Lottery environmental programme. Our mission is the promotion and provision of access to natural burial environments for the people of Lincolnshire whilst creating a permanent Community Grant scheme to fund future projects.

### Sites:

It is our aim to have sites located throughout the historic county of Lincolnshire, from the Humber to the Wash. Ideally these will be located close to urban areas where lack of greener options are more of an issue.

We hope to have our first site open in January 2010, with two more to follow in May and September.

### How does it all work?

Natural Conclusion provides a link between you, your funeral director and the green burial site you choose.

The Land Owner works within our framework. He provides a "green" site (a natural habitat without cut flowers and monumental masonry). He creates pathways and shelter, greets the burial party, marks the grave, keeps statutory records and can offer you memorials like bird hides, benches and wood sculptures.

Natural Conclusion sorts out a choice of plot and processes the payments. We also oversee the formalities (records and mapping) for every green site, through the Lincolnshire Burials Trust.

Your funeral director will handle everything else like choosing a coffin, the service, transport, commissioning a grave digger and so on.

### A lasting Green Memorial:

We are creating a lasting green legacy AND we are supporting local communities throughout Lincolnshire. A percentage of your burial costs goes into a permanent endowment managed by the Community Foundation. From that endowment, we make grants to "green" community projects.