

COTHIEMUIR HILL
ABERDEENSHIRE

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The woodland at Cothiemuir Hill is a peaceful, natural place. Somewhere special to spend time listening to the birdsong in the surrounding woodland, admiring the neolithic stones, and taking in the fine view of Bennachie. A place of escape, away from it all.



In the peace of wild things

The natural burial ground is managed as a central part of the historic Forbes Estate, located within the beautiful Strathdon landscape. Native wild flowers grow around the burial glades, wildlife inhabits the woodland and surrounding hills, which all make for an inspiring and enchanting place to be.

How it works

Natural burial is the most ecological funeral option, a thoughtful legacy for future generations. Being fully sustainable, the meadow will remain as it is now, permanent pasture - real, farmed countryside.

In advance

- Visit the burial woodland and spend time there getting to know it and deciding whether it's right for you.
- Download an application form from our website, or phone us and we'll send you an information pack.
- You can pay for pre-purchases by standing order over 10 or 20 months.

At the time of the funeral

- Complete an interment form to let us know your plans for the day so that we can help you achieve your wishes.
- You can make the arrangements and payments yourself or your funeral director can do this for you.
- Burials can take place between 10am-3pm. Weekends are also possible.

Practicalities

We recommend stout footwear as the ground may be uneven. A foldable chair is a good idea for those who find it difficult to stand. And remember, there's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong sort of clothes...

More time, space and meaning

Cothiemuir Hill Woodland Burial Ground is tranquil and private. An unhurried and gentle place to get away from it all.

Organise the day exactly as you'd like it. The meadow gives you the freedom to be yourselves completely and we will offer inspiration, support and guidance.

Afterwards it is a place of escape; somewhere quiet to take one step at a time, close to wildlife, with your memories, and view the changes through the seasons.



Who you'll meet at the burial ground

Malcolm, 23rd Lord Forbes (Premier Lord of Scotland), or a member of the estate team, is able to meet you to walk you round and talk about what works well. They will also be there on the day of the funeral to greet you (tel: 01975 562524).

Nearby Castle Forbes has been the seat of Premier Lord of Scotland for almost six hundred years. Cothiemuir Hill and the burial ground, lie at the heart of the estate.

“ Peaceful, beautiful and somewhere we can comfortably visit as a family, including children and dog.

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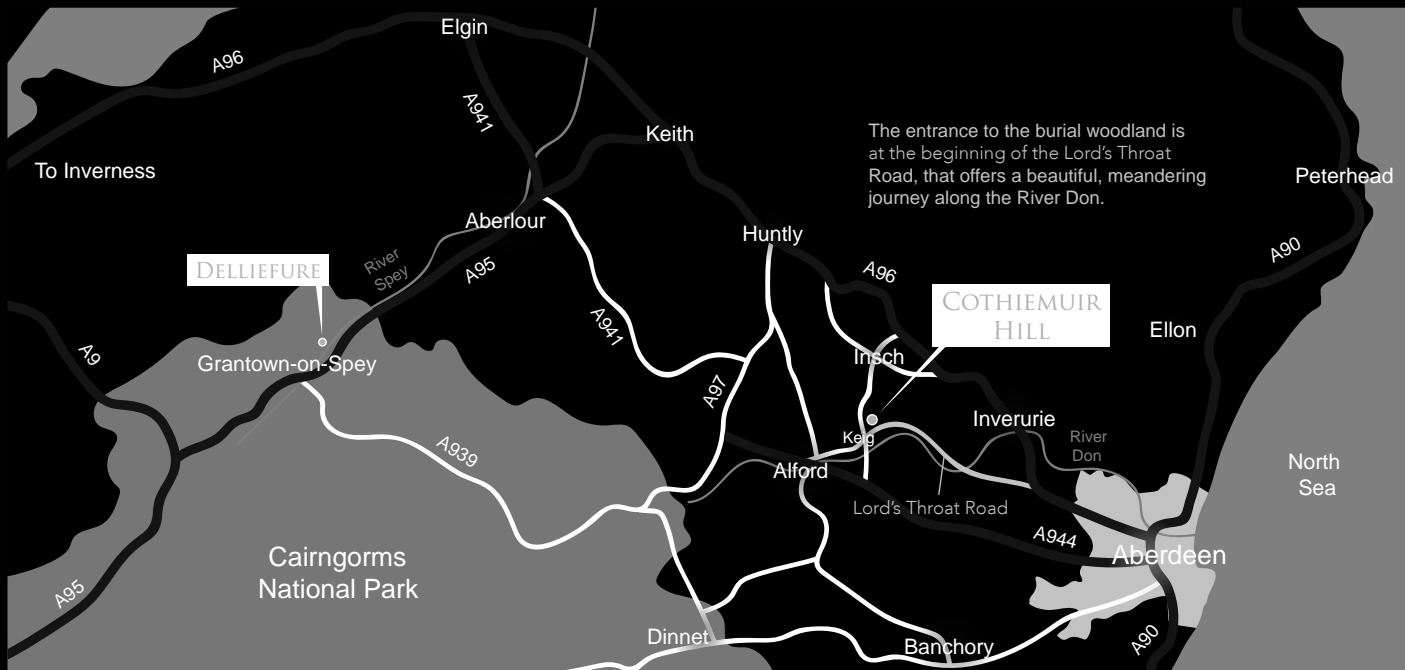
Finding the spot

We have installed survey points, as shown below, at intervals around the burial ground. The locations of these survey points have been digitally mapped and the precise position of each grave is measured from these.

Using the digital maps on our computers and the measurements from the survey points, we are able to provide families with a plan to show the exact location of the grave and the measurements.

We also provide GPS coordinates and a QR code so that you can use your smartphone to point you in the right direction (visit our website for more information on this).

If you have any problems, just let us know and we'll help or flag the spot for you.



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