



Environmentally Friendly & Special

When considering the environmental impact of a coffin, there are a number of factors. It is all very well selecting a coffin made of bamboo to save wasting wood but if it has been flown half way around the world from its place of manufacture then the choice is misguided. The coffins below are illustrations of what is available and we have added some background information with particular regard to their respective 'green' credentials.

Cardboard coffin – price on application. Cardboard takes advantage of recycled material but in no greater way than chipboard which is used in the construction of veneered wood coffins. The problem with cardboard is its lack of strength and its tendency to break apart when in contact with moisture. We have experienced clients using a cardboard coffin as a platform to paint upon; this has proved very successful but of course requires someone in the family with an artistic flair. Cardboard coffins are available with commercially printed designs.

Wicker or Willow coffins - a wide variety of these is available with prices from £690.00. These coffins can offer the best 'green' credentials and therefore we generally avoid ones that are made abroad or that are strengthened with a wooden frame. The coffin illustrated is made in Somerset from locally grown produce and is in our opinion the most environmentally friendly coffin.

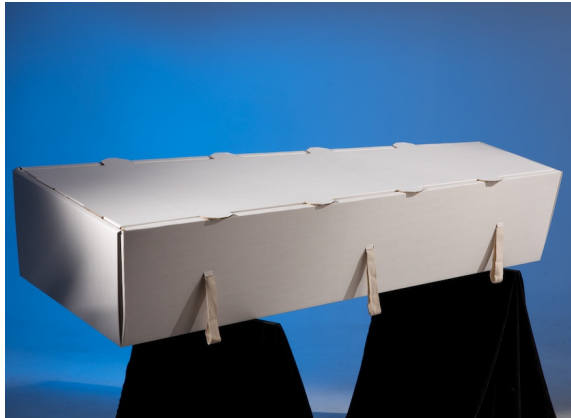
Printed coffins - prices on application and depend upon design. This is a recent innovation in coffin design and involves a traditionally constructed coffin with a design screen printed over the top. There are many options to choose from. In addition a bespoke design may be considered but time constraints may weigh against this. Pictured below is an example of how this works: we see a country farming scene with blue skies above.

Child's coffin – These vary greatly on the age and size of the child. Older children may have a small coffin as per the designs for adults. Little babies may have rectangular coffins covered in a soft white cloth. Below is an example of a screen printed coffin of wood construction; the design is obviously intended to associate with a young child. We do not quote a cost for these coffins; funeral directors in general charge very little indeed in the unfortunate circumstances of a child's funeral. This is also the case with the third party charges such as for cemetery/crematorium etc.



Harbour View

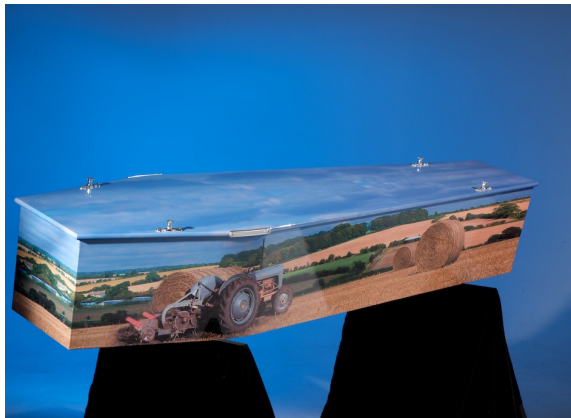
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