

# *Lexden Garden of Rest & Columbarium*

Church Lane  
Lexden  
Colchester

Nestling in the grounds of St Leonard's Church in Colchester lies Lexden Garden of Rest, an oasis of calm and tranquility. The garden provides a final resting place for the cremated remains, secluded and discreet, with a selection of options for clients wishing to avoid the more public cemeteries or crematoriums.



## *History of the Garden*

Shortly after the 1939-45 war the Papillon family, who had lived in Lexden Manor for many years, dedicated a plot of land adjacent to Lexden Church for the construction of a Garden of Rest. This was intended both as a memorial to Phillip Papillon who had been killed in the war and as a resting place for cremated remains of people whose relatives would appreciate the environment and beauty of the Garden.

## *The Columbarium*

The Columbarium consists of three walls, overlooking the Church, with trees of Lexden Park in the background. Within these walls are niches into which caskets containing cremated remains can be placed - each niche then being covered by a stone plaque with a simple engraved inscription.



## *Earthen Vaults*

The vaults are constructed of pre-cast concrete, into which two caskets can be placed. They are then let into the ground, with a granite plaque placed at ground level. The plaque has space for two simple inscriptions.

## *Earthen Burial*

In the Garden is an area set aside for earth burial of cremated remains, and the plot can be marked with a granite or nabresina tablet.



## *Border Vases*

Black granite border vases with gold lettering available as single or double, each with a shared rose bush.



## *Rose Trees*

Standard rose trees can be purchased, and are planted as a border on two sides of the garden. Cremated remains can be buried in the lawn in front of the chosen tree, and a plaque placed at the foot of the tree.



All of the options offer interment in perpetuity, which is unique to the garden



## *Administration, Care and Maintenance*

To ensure the care and maintenance of the garden on a continuing basis, a single maintenance charge is levied at the time of purchase. Our aim is to enhance as well as maintain the garden, and to ensure that it remains a place of reverence and serenity where relatives and friends can visit and enjoy.



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