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## For service that's second to none

For four generations, we at Somerset Willow have been hand-weaving beautiful products to meet our customers' specific requirements. We pride ourselves on delivering items of matchless quality, exactly when they are needed. Second-best is not an option for us.

Our skilled craftsmen train for a minimum of five years in our family business, which has been creating beautiful willow products since 1959.

- All our coffins are entirely hand-crafted from locally grown willow. We provide a wide choice of coloured willow bands and handles, so that families can create a willow coffin that is an individual and memorable tribute to their loved one.
- We understand how quickly our products may be needed, and our standard sizes of coffin can be delivered in 24 hours. Bespoke sizes are available in 48 hours.
- Our coffins and caskets are suitable for standard burial, green burial and cremation.
- Our dedicated sales team is available from 8.30am to 5pm on Monday–Friday, and we have an out-of-hours service for urgent calls at other times.



The limitations of the printing process mean we cannot guarantee that the colours shown in photographs will exactly match the final products. The floral arrangements shown throughout this brochure are not included.

Front cover shows a curved-end coffin in buff willow, inlaid with cream bands and featuring cream woven willow handles

# Unique hand-crafted coffins

Each of our coffins is a special tribute to a loved one. Our unique service provides families with a completely personal choice in the design of their casket.

Hand-woven using either weatherbeaten gold or buff willow, our traditional style and curved-end coffins can also feature hand-dyed willow bands and handles in a choice of 13 colours. All of our coffins are made to carry up to 30 stone (190kg).

Beautifully engraved inscriptions on oak plaques can be added for a truly personal touch. All our coffins feature toggle and loop closures, made entirely from natural materials.

Because each coffin is handmade with great care, we can offer a completely individual bespoke service. If there is something you would like which we don't mention here, please just ask.

All our products are FFMA approved and are suitable for green burial, standard burial and cremation.



Curved-end casket in buff willow with natural hemp rope handles



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## Curved-end caskets

Harvested willow grows back to its original height in a year making it the perfect renewable material

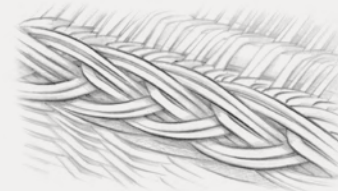


Curved-end casket in weatherbeaten gold willow, inlaid with pink bands and featuring pink woven willow handles.

# As individual as your loved one



We provide entirely natural wooden toggle and loop closures



Beautiful plaited edging is a feature of our skilful craftsmanship

Our products are labelled with pride



Our handles come in natural hemp or undyed or coloured woven willow



Choose from buff or weatherbeaten gold willow for the main coffin colour

Hand-dyed bands are available in a wide range of colours

Curved-end casket in buff willow, inlaid with cream bands and featuring woven buff willow handles

# Curved-end caskets

Our Curved-end Somerset Willow casket features tapered round ends, beautifully plaited edging and natural hand-woven willow handles. A lasting legacy and a personal tribute made with the original care and dedication that has driven our family business for over four generations. Available in buff or weatherbeaten gold willow, and with or without coloured bands and handles.

Curved-end casket in weatherbeaten gold willow, inlaid with purple bands and featuring purple woven willow handles



Add personalisation with hand-dyed coloured handles

- Royal blue
- Purple
- Yellow
- Brown
- Red
- Black
- Turquoise
- Pink
- Burgundy
- Orange
- Green
- Navy
- Cream

Distinctive detailing provides a mark of quality



## Curved-end caskets

Curved-end casket in buff willow, inlaid with black bands and featuring black woven willow handles



Hand-woven willow is full of character and beauty



Curved-end casket in buff willow, inlaid with royal blue bands and featuring royal blue woven willow handles



Wooden toggle and loop closures compliment the natural willow



Hand plaiting creates a beautiful finishing touch

## Traditional coffins

A single willow bed can last up to 60 years. In that time it will only need very basic maintenance



Traditional coffin in weatherbeaten gold willow, inlaid with green bands, featuring green woven willow handles



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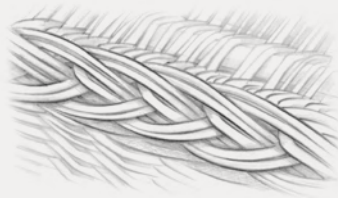
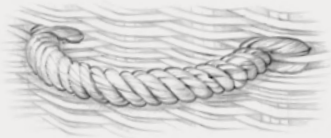


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Beautiful plaited edging is a feature of our skilful craftsmanship

Traditional coffin in weatherbeaten gold willow, featuring natural hemp rope handles

# Traditional coffins

Our Traditional Somerset Willow coffin features tapered square ends, beautifully plaited edging and natural hand-woven willow handles. A lasting legacy and a personal tribute made with the original care and dedication that has driven our family business for over four generations. Available in buff or weatherbeaten gold willow, and with or without coloured bands and handles.



Traditional coffin in weatherbeaten gold willow, inlaid with burgundy bands, featuring burgundy woven willow handles



Traditional coffin in weatherbeaten gold willow, inlaid with navy bands, featuring navy woven willow handles



Our badge guarantees matchless quality

Royal blue



Purple



Yellow



Brown



Red



Black



Turquoise



Pink



Burgundy



Orange



Green



Navy



Cream



Hand-woven willow is full of character and beauty



# Traditional coffins

Traditional coffin in buff willow, featuring buff woven willow handles



Traditional coffin in buff willow, inlaid with yellow bands, featuring yellow woven willow handles



Add colour with hand-dyed willow bands and handles

# Making it personal

Because each of our coffins is handmade with great care by experienced craftsmen, we can offer a truly individual bespoke service.

## Casket shape

Make your selection from our traditional style coffins, which have square ends, or our curved-end caskets. Examples are shown throughout this brochure.



## Natural willow colour

Different shades of natural willow colour are available, the result of handling the willow in different ways when it is harvested. All our coffins are available in a choice of:

- Weatherbeaten gold (shown on the left)
- Natural buff (on the right)

## Quality interiors

Our coffins can be fitted with a simple natural calico cotton lining that includes a cotton pillow filled with natural wadding. Our coffins can also be lined with a more elaborate interior to create a soft cushion on the base and sides of our coffins, this provides a more comforting look and feel.



## Bespoke handles

Our coffins and caskets feature six handles, which can be crafted from natural hemp rope, or woven from undyed or coloured willow, according to your preference.

Woven willow handle



Rope handle



### Oak nameplates

Beautifully engraved solid oak plaques can be inscribed with up to five lines of text. Each plaque is carefully attached to the coffin lid using twisted jute cord.



### Hand-dyed banding

If you like, you can select colours of hand-dyed willow to be carefully woven into distinctive bands around the top and bottom of your chosen coffin.

### Willow colour range

We provide the following choice of 13 colours for willow handles and banding.

Royal blue



Purple



Yellow



Brown



Red



Black



Turquoise



Pink



Burgundy



Orange



Green



Navy



Cream



### Embellishment

For a personal touch, our coffins can be decorated with a woven cross (other simple motifs may be available on request).



### 'Create A Coffin'

Our innovative online tool enables you to explore the range of coffin shapes, willow colours, banding and handles (see [www.somersetwillowcoffins.co.uk/create-a-coffin](http://www.somersetwillowcoffins.co.uk/create-a-coffin)).

Families and friends can use this web tool to discuss possible choices amongst themselves via social media (including Twitter and Facebook), as well as by email or print.

### Anything else?

If there is something we haven't mentioned, please ask. We will do all we can to meet your requirements.

# Memories

Our coffins can be decorated with your own personal messages as part of a farewell.

These messages could be anything from a memorable moment, to an expressive feeling. Each message is individually inscribed onto a small wooden heart or circle, finished with natural cord and supplied in sets. Once received, they can be handed to the coffin by the family or if you wish the funeral director can help you with this. The memories can also be kept back after the funeral as a keepsake or tribute for remembrance.




Cherished memories can be added to complement the look of your coffin. You can choose between circle or heart shapes, both come finished in packs of four, six and eight.

Each memory can hold up-to five lines of text; each line can hold up-to 22 characters. We use the 'Vijaya' font for all our engraving.

We recommend about four to six memories each side of your willow coffin, however you could include many more at your own discretion if you wished to. The memories shown in the image have been carefully tied to the plait of the lid. They could also be placed onto the handles or directly onto the weave of the coffin.



A photograph of an orchard with rows of apple trees. In the foreground, a large, curved wicker basket is filled with a variety of flowers, including sunflowers and purple flowers, along with several apples. The basket is made of light-colored wicker with red bands and handles. The orchard floor is covered in green grass and fallen apples. The sky is overcast.

Grown in fields, willow integrates with its surroundings providing a natural habitat for many species of wetland bird and animals

Curved-end casket in weatherbeaten gold willow, inlaid with red bands and featuring red woven willow handles



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Traditional coffin in the painted white finish, featuring painted white woven willow handles



# Rainbow coffins

Our rainbow coffins provide a memorable tribute to a special loved one, each is made with great skill and craftsmanship using natural hand-dyed willow and features natural buff woven willow handles.

Showing the natural variation of rainbow colour



Curved-end Rainbow coffin featuring woven buff willow handles



Traditional Rainbow coffin featuring woven buff willow handles

Bespoke colour combinations can be provided on request, please enquire for more information.



Showing the natural toggle and loop closure

# Hand-painted coffins

Our range of hand-painted coffins can be finished in 17 differing colour finishes, with or without hand-dyed coloured bands and handles and in two primary coffin shapes, Traditional coffin or Curved-end casket shape. Matching coloured Ashes caskets are also available on request.

You can choose contrasting coloured banding and handles to complement your coffin, you can see these options on page 13. Please allow up-to 72 hours for delivery



Curved-end casket in the painted white finish, featuring painted white woven willow handles



Traditional coffin in the painted burgundy finish featuring burgundy woven willow handles



# Hand-painted coffins

Curved-end casket in the painted pink finish inlaid with purple bands and featuring woven purple willow handles



Coloured bands and handles provide added personalisation when choosing a painted coffin



Traditional coffin in the painted deep blue finish inlaid with yellow bands and featuring yellow woven willow handles



Pastel Green

Mid Green

Deep Green

Turquoise

Pastel Blue

Mid Blue

Deep Blue

Purple

Pink

# Ashes caskets and urns

Our square and rectangular ashes caskets and round urns can also be customised. Each comes complete with a quality cotton drawstring ashes bag.



(L-R) Square casket, round urn and rectangular casket in buff willow (above) and weatherbeaten gold willow (right)



# Ashes Scattering Tubes

We offer a range of exclusively designed Ashes Scattering Tubes for the scattering of ashes. Available in four beautiful designs; Autumn, Woodland, Beach and Meadow, and each with a choice of two sizes; small (75 x 200mm) and large (126 x 370mm).



Designs exclusive to Somerset Willow

# Children's caskets and coffins

Our children's caskets are carefully hand-crafted in a traditional coffin shape or with curved ends, using weatherbeaten gold or buff willow. They can be personalised in just the same way as our larger coffins, with hand-dyed coloured bands, your choice of handles, and a beautifully inscribed oak plaque (see pages 12–13).

Traditional child's coffin in weatherbeaten gold willow, featuring weatherbeaten gold woven willow handles



Curved-end child's casket in buff willow, featuring buff woven willow handles



Royal blue

Purple

Yellow

Brown

Red

Black

Turquoise

Pink

Burgundy

Orange

Green

Navy

Cream



# Children's caskets and coffins

Curved-end child's casket in the painted white finish, featuring painted white woven willow handles



Curved-end Rainbow child's casket, featuring woven buff willow handles



Traditional child's coffin in the painted white finish, featuring painted white woven willow handles



Traditional Rainbow child's coffin, featuring woven buff willow handles



We are proud supporters of the Child Funeral Charity, working closely with families in need

## Babies' caskets

The willow we use grows on the Somerset Levels, just a few miles from our workshop





# Babies' caskets

Our crib style caskets are lovingly made of natural willow and are available in four finishes; natural white willow (our most popular) buff willow, hand-painted light blue and hand-painted pink. The caskets come with or without hand-dyed coloured bands. Your own inscription can be included on a beautifully engraved oak plaque.

Baby crib casket in the buff willow



Baby crib casket in the natural white willow



Baby crib casket in the natural white willow, inlaid with baby pink bands



Baby crib casket in the buff willow, inlaid with baby blue bands



# Lovingly made from natural willow

*We are proud to use locally grown willow from our farm in Somerset, just five miles from our workshop.*

This renewable crop enables us to create carbon-neutral, biodegradable products, so we can provide families with a coffin of unmatched craftsmanship that's also natural and environmentally friendly.

By generating our own annual crop, we can guarantee there is little use of machinery or chemical processing in its production.

Somerset Willow prides itself in meeting each family's specific needs at an important and sensitive time. Our craftsmen train for a minimum of five years and our products reflect the skills that have been honed over four generations in our caring family business.





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Back cover shows a Traditional coffin in weatherbeaten gold willow, inlaid with green bands and featuring green woven willow handles



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