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## Helpsheet:

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1. Set a budget so you can manage your choices and spend your money to get what you want.
2. Did the person who has died choose burial or cremation?
  - If cremation, you may have a choice of crematoria? One may have a better ceremony hall than the other or give a longer ceremony time.
  - If burial, you can choose between churchyard (if there's space), cemetery, woodland burial, and possibly burial on private land.
3. Would you like to bring the person who's died home before the funeral, perhaps for a vigil the night before or would you or any family member like to see them at some stage before the funeral?
4. Would you prefer the body of the person who has died not to be embalmed? You should be asked about this if it is to be done, and it is rarely necessary.
5. What sort of coffin will you choose? Cardboard, printed cardboard, plain pine, traditional veneered chipboard, bamboo, banana leaf, pandanus, willow, oak, poplar? If you want to see pictures of all these please visit us at 7 High Street Totnes or online at <http://www.greenfuse.co.uk/pdfs/coffins-brochure.pdf>.
6. Where might you hold the funeral ceremony? in a church, the crematorium ceremony hall, at the graveside, in a community hall, at home, in the garden, in a marquee or yurt, in a function room (with

separate access), on a boat? You can hold a funeral ceremony almost anywhere with the permission of the owner of the land or building.

7. Would you prefer to have a ceremony for everyone with the coffin present, a private cremation or burial, or a burial or cremation first and a memorial ceremony (perhaps with the ashes present)?
8. Would any family or friends wish to be involved in bearing or transporting the coffin to the funeral, decorating the coffin or ceremony space, or preparing food and drink for a gathering afterwards?
9. What type of ceremony would feel right? A celebration of life, a religious service, a spiritual or non-religious service, something in between that reflects the particular views of the person? In which case do you want an independent celebrant who will reflect the views of the person, a religious minister or friend or family to take the ceremony?
10. You can choose your own content, music and words for the ceremony. Your choices will be fine as long as they reflect the character and beliefs of the person who has died. Not everything needs to be funereal.

You can find more information and ideas like this in our book *We Need To Talk About The Funeral - 101 Practical Ways To Commemorate And Celebrate A Life*, available for £14.99 from bookshops or download

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