

WILLOW COFFINS

Handmade in Somerset



“We cannot recommend them
highly enough.”

*Adrian Pink,
Town & Country Funeral Directors*



OUR STORY

When Arthur 'Sam' Musgrove bought a cottage with a small plot of land and an industrial boiler for £100, he could not have imagined that nearly 100 years and four generations later, Musgrove Willows would be supplying willow and willow products to customers all over the world.

Three generations of the Musgrove family. Left to right, Sam, Mike and Les

TRIED & TESTED

Musgrove Willows now grow more than 60 different varieties of willow on over 180 acres of Somerset farmland.

Many of the tried and tested traditional processes are still used by the Musgrove family today.



Planting willow by hand. Specialist machinery has replaced this backbreaking task



QUALITY SERVICE

Musgrove Willows has been weaving willow coffins on a commercial basis for over a decade.

Every coffin is made on site with willow grown and processed here. This enables us to maintain exceptionally high standards of quality and service.

In 2017, Musgrove Willows received accreditation from the Funeral Furnishing Manufacturers' Association. Our coffins have passed rigorous testing for weight, strength and environmental impact.



Harvesting our willow



ECO-FRIENDLY

The Somerset Levels provide ideal growing conditions for willow, an incredibly sustainable and eco-friendly crop.

A willow cutting takes around three years to become established absorbing carbon as it grows. The willow stump then provides rods which can be harvested every year for about 60 years.

Musgrove Willows practice a carbon neutral policy. No fossil fuels are used to boil or steam the willow. Rainwater is harvested and willow offcuts are turned into keepsakes, charcoal or burned as fuel.

Our team work sensitively with the environment using good land management to maintain a natural balance of wildlife and high quality crop production.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Many of the coffins are named after an area in which our willow is grown or a place close to our farm.

Each coffin and casket can be customised and a bespoke service is available. All our coffins are lined with environmentally friendly materials making them suitable for burial, cremation, woodland and green burial sites.

Only natural dyes are used to colour the willow and the coffin linings. Coffins can be made to a specific design and size in just 48 hours. The colour(s) of the coffin, plait, handles, bows, and bands can all be customised.



A customised Quantock coffin with purple bands and liner



HELP TO WEAVE

Children, parents and grandparents have all come here to help weave a coffin for a loved one.

This service is provided free of charge. It's an opportunity for family members to get together and make a really positive contribution. Many find the weaving cathartic. Personal touches can make such a difference and our skilled weavers are happy to accommodate special requests.

Please advise your Funeral Director if you would like to take part in the weaving process. A suitable day can then be arranged. Some come and weave for an hour, others spend the whole day here.

Families unable to visit can use our live streaming service to watch their chosen coffin being made. Please contact us for further information.

Helping to weave a coffin for a loved one



A bespoke Moorland with white willow bands



ADULT & CHILD COFFINS

“...we were very pleased with the **beautiful willow coffin** which was the key to making it even more special. **Your service was excellent** and meant that we could organise the burial in 24 hours. Thank you.”

Cath

SEDGEMOOR & SOUTHLAKE

The **Sedgemoor** and **Southlake** are woven with buff willow.

The Sedgemoor is a traditional shape while the Southlake has a curved end.



A customised Sedgemoor with light green bands and handles



Sedgemoor



A customised Southlake with light pink bands, handles and plait



Southlake

BLACKDOWN & MENDIP

Buff willow is used in the main body of the **Blackdown** and the **Mendip**. Dark brown steamed willow is used for the banding and the plait border on the lid edge.

The handles, bands and plait can be woven in antique buff, barked, buff, steamed, white and/or natural dyed willow.

The Blackdown is a traditional shape while the Mendip has a curved end.



Blackdown



Mendip

✓ Select a different colour plait

✓ Award-winning service

POLDEN & QUANTOCK

The main body of the **Polden** and the **Quantock** is woven with buff willow. White willow is used for the plait on the lid edge and for the banding.

The Polden is a traditional shape while the Quantock has a curved end.



Polden



A customised Quantock with red bands and plait



Quantock

✓ Plastic free

✓ Usually dispatched in 48 hours

GLASTONBURY & HAY MOOR

The **Glastonbury** and **Hay Moor** are woven entirely with steamed willow. These striking coffins are designed to provide an alternative to mahogany wood.



Glastonbury



A customised Hay Moor
with orange plait



Hay Moor

Glastonbury

✓ Design your own

✓ Wide range of colours

WICK MOOR & MOORLAND

The **Wick Moor** and **Moorland** are woven with barked willow. Choose antique buff, barked, buff, steamed or white willow for the lid and handles. Toggles enhance the natural feel.

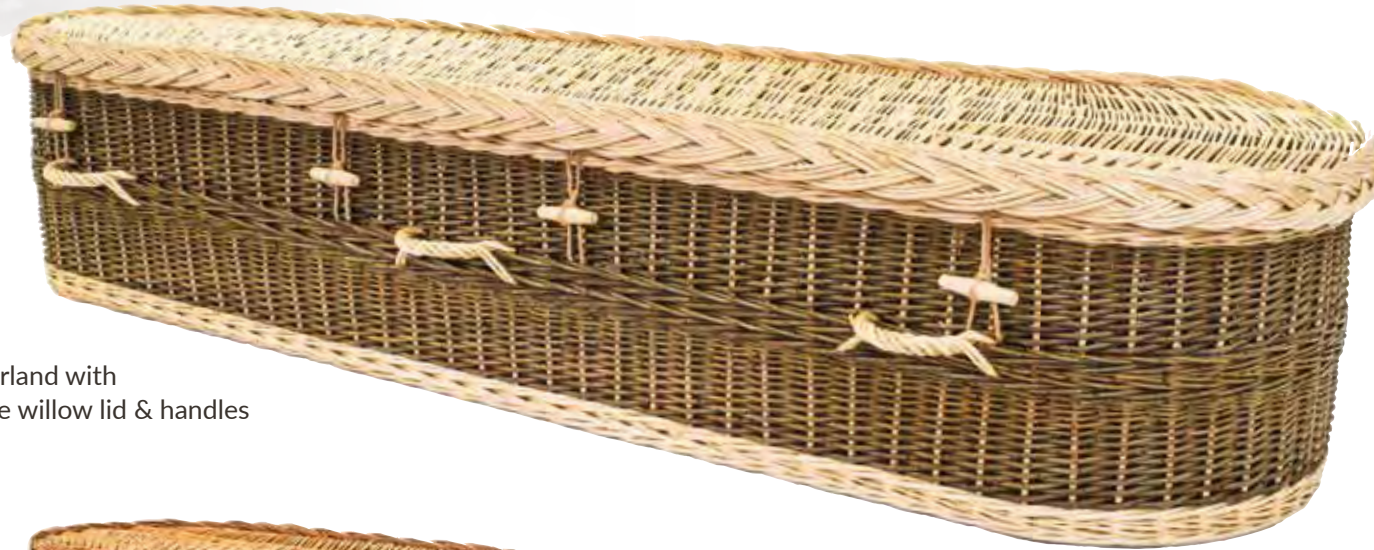
The Wick Moor is a traditional shape while the Moorland has a curved end.



Wick Moor with white willow lid & handles



Wick Moor with buff willow lid & handles



Moorland with
white willow lid & handles



Moorland with
buff willow lid & handles

✓ Choice of keepsakes

✓ Award-winning service

AVALON

The **Avalon** is woven entirely with white willow. White willow is not paper white as the natural processing of the willow results in a slightly cream colour.

The Avalon is available in a traditional shape or with a curved end.



Avalon traditional



A customised Avalon
with pink bands and plait



Avalon curved end

✓ Choice of natural finishes

WEST MOOR

The **West Moor** is woven entirely with antique buff willow which is often referred to as 'weather-beaten gold'.

Available in a traditional shape or with a curved end.



A curved end West Moor customised with dark green bands and handles



West Moor curved end

A traditional shape
West Moor customised with
light blue bands and handles



West Moor traditional



✓ Wide range of colours

✓ Eco-friendly

RAINBOW

Our rainbow collection features **Rainbow, Rainbow Twist** and **Rainbow Light**.

Natural dyed willow is used to create these stunning designs which can be customised with the addition of antique buff, barked, buff, steamed or white willow. Coloured toggles can be incorporated.

The Rainbow coffin is available with a curved end or in a traditional shape and can be customised to incorporate different colour stripes.



Rainbow traditional



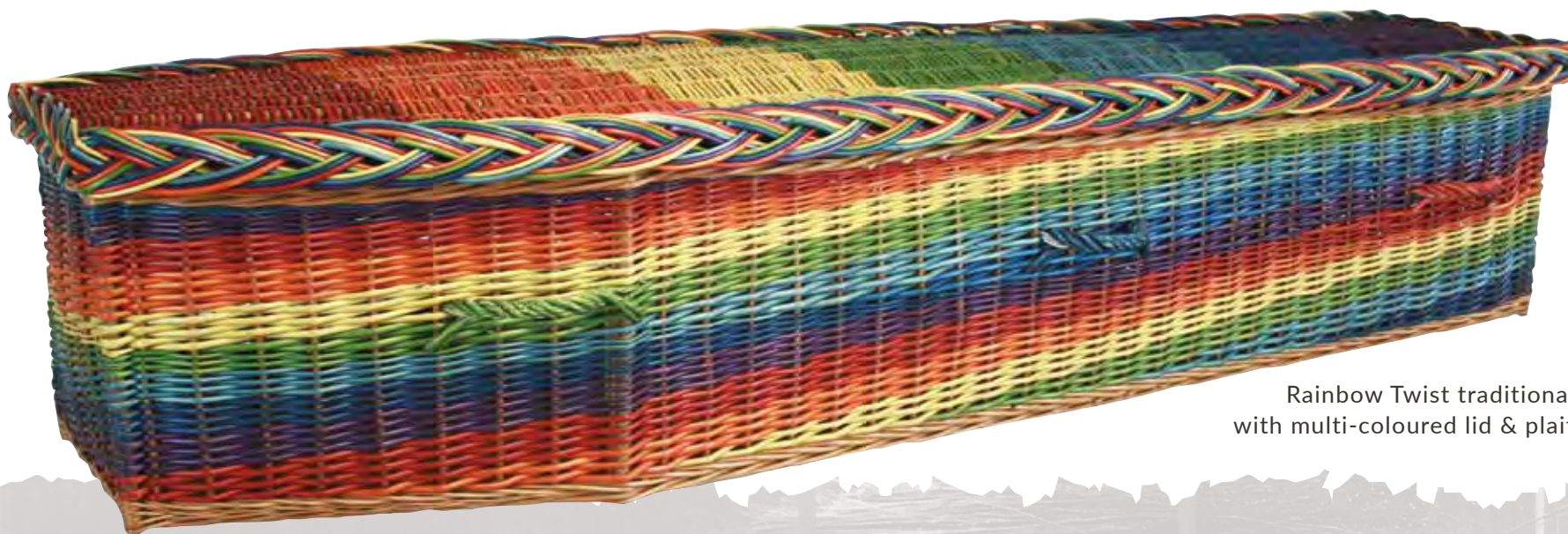
Rainbow curved end

RAINBOW TWIST & RAINBOW LIGHT

The **Rainbow Twist** is available with a plain lid and plait or in a multi-coloured design. The plain lid and plait can be woven in antique buff, barked, buff, steamed or white willow.



Rainbow Twist curved end with plain buff lid & plait



Rainbow Twist traditional with multi-coloured lid & plait



Rainbow Light
traditional in buff willow

Seven subtle coloured bands are woven into the **Rainbow Light**. The lid and main body of the coffin can be woven in antique buff, barked, buff, steamed or white willow.



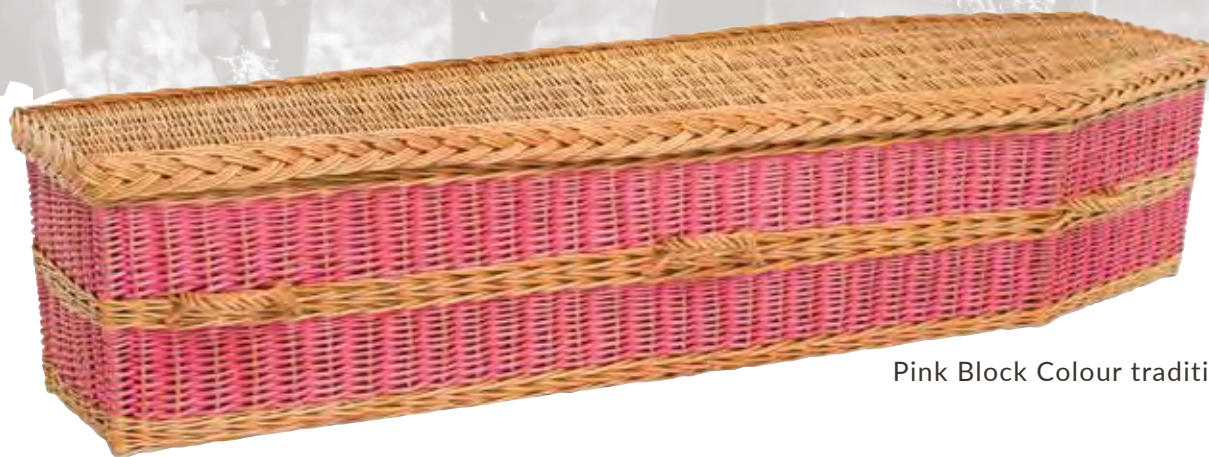
Rainbow Light
curved end in buff willow

✓ Customise with personal touches

BLOCK COLOUR

Our **Block Colour** coffins are woven predominately with natural dyed willow.

The lid, plait, bands and handles can be made from either antique buff, barked, buff, steamed or white willow.



Pink Block Colour traditional



Blue Block Colour traditional

Choose either red, orange, yellow, dark green, light green, dark blue, light blue, lilac, purple, light pink, fuchsia pink, dark grey, light grey, burgundy, black or turquoise.

Block Colour coffins are available in a traditional shape or with a curved end.



Yellow Block Colour curved end

✓ Wide range of colours

✓ Usually dispatched in 48 hours

FULL COLOUR

Our **Full Colour** coffins are woven in natural dyed willow. Simply choose the colour from our comprehensive range.

Full Colour coffins are available in a traditional shape or with a curved end.

Available in red, orange, yellow, dark green, light green, dark blue, light blue, lilac, purple, light pink, fuchsia pink, dark grey, light grey, burgundy, black or turquoise.



Fuchsia pink
Full Colour traditional



Full Colour curved end,
customised with white plait & handles



Red Full Colour
curved end

✓ Choice of keepsakes

✓ Eco-friendly

✓ Suitable for green burial



A bespoke light blue Block Colour coffin



BESPOKE COFFINS

“Being able to design my Mum’s coffin was amazing. From choosing the shape, material, colour, right down to the handles and edges meant a lot to me and family.”

Robert

BESPOKE COFFINS

Reflect the personality and passions of a loved one by designing a truly bespoke willow coffin. Our skilled team has worked with many families to produce some incredible designs.

If you have a particular design or style in mind, please contact us to talk through your ideas or visit our website.









BABY CRADLES & CRIBS

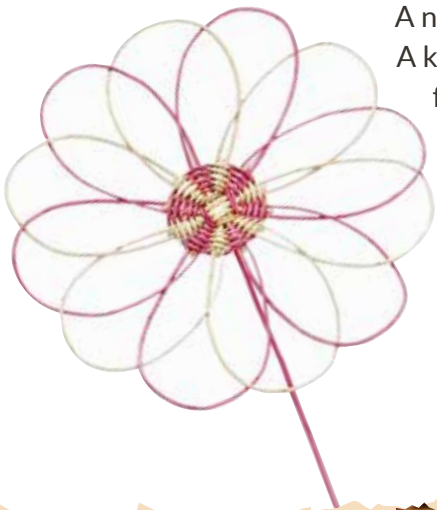
“Working alongside
Musgrove Willows to
produce a beautiful, bespoke
coffin for my daughter played
a big part in my healing
process. Thank you so much”

David

BABY CRADLES & CRIBS

Our **Baby Nestling Cradle** is a Moses basket style casket with a raised hood end. It is hand woven in white willow. Each cradle is lined and can be hand finished with bows and natural white toggle fastenings.

A name plaque is included.
A keepsake flower is made from the willow used to weave the cradle and sent to the family.



Baby Nestling Cradle
with blue bands





Baby Nestling Crib
with pink bands

Our **Baby Nestling Crib** is an oval style casket woven in white willow. Each crib is lined and can be finished with bows and natural white toggle fastenings.

A name plaque is included. The family is also given a willow keepsake flower. Both our Nestling Cradle and Crib can be customised to incorporate personal touches such as coloured bands and bows.

The Children's Funeral Fund for England can help to pay for the cost of a coffin or casket for those under 18. It is not means-tested but the burial or cremation must take place in England.

For more information please visit www.gov.uk/child-funeral-costs







CASKETS, LINERS & NAMEPLATES

“My experience with
Musgrove Willows was
heart-warming.

My husband always wanted
an eco-friendly burial and
they helped me to achieve
that with care and support.”

Susan

ASHES CASKETS

Our hand woven **ashes caskets** are available in an oval, rectangular or square shape. They can be made to match any of our coffins.

Coloured banding can be incorporated into the design and full colour caskets are also available.

Each casket is fitted with a handmade interior cotton drawstring ashes pouch and a nameplate is included.

Bespoke caskets made to order.



A bespoke heart-shaped casket



✓ Choice of natural finishes

LINERS

Natural calico liners, frilled liners, mattresses and pillows are available. Our liners are handmade and hand-fitted prior to dispatch. Natural dyes are used to make our coloured liners.

Hay from our fields is used to fill the mattresses and pillows.



A customised Quantock with turquoise bands and liner

✓ Wide range of colours

NAMEPLATES

Our nameplates are made from sustainably sourced oak.

Grave markers can be supplied for green burials.



✓ Plastic free

✓ Eco-friendly

WILLOW

Please be aware that willow is a natural product and the colour and/or finish of your chosen coffin may differ slightly from the images shown in the brochure and in other promotional material.



Buff willow & antique buff willow

ANTIQUE BUFF

Also known as stripped willow, this is a natural barked or green willow which has been boiled and then stripped of its bark and dried. The variety of willow used in these natural processes produces a smooth golden willow rod.

DYED WILLOW

Only natural dyes are used. To achieve the best possible finish only white willow is dyed. The willow is dyed by hand, so each batch may vary slightly.



BUFF WILLOW

The natural processes used to produce buff willow are the same as those for antique buff. By using a different variety of willow, a smooth orange/brown rod is produced.

NATURAL BARKED OR BROWN WILLOW

This is natural willow which has been dried with its bark on.

STEAMED WILLOW

Brown willow is placed in a boiler for a few hours to colour it a chocolate / black colour. When the willow is removed from the boiler it is left to dry outside.

WHITE WILLOW

Our highest quality green willow is freshly cut in winter and 'pitted' (left to stand in water until the sap rises in the spring). The willow is then stripped of its bark (without boiling) to leave a white colour rod. White willow is not paper white and can look a little cream in colour.





Willow coffins, woven by our skilled craftsmen with willow grown & processed on our Somerset farm. Handmade with love & care.





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