



THE FOREST OF MEMORIES



**REMEMBER THE LOST
SUPPORT THE LIVING**

BECAUSE OF COVID-19

The end of our lives, and those of our loved ones, is inevitable. We must accept the transient nature of our existence and that we are each just a flicker of a flame in the history of our world.

We love, and are loved, but our lives soon end. We are left only as memories. We live on through others only until those memories are no longer recalled, and our name is spoken one final time.



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TOGETHER WE WILL REMEMBER



“TO PLANT TREES IS TO GIVE
BODY AND LIFE TO ONE’S
DREAMS OF A BETTER WORLD.”

Russell Page

YOU MIGHT ASK

WHY GROW A FOREST?

During the Pandemic we have come together as a society to protect each other from physical harm from Covid-19. Now the time to consider our society's collective emotional and mental wellbeing.

Today, we have an opportunity to act, to remember the loved ones lost, to support the bereaved, and demonstrate our compassion towards those whose lives have been impacted because of Covid-19.

We are growing a Forest of Memories network across the UK and, at a minimum, a tree will be planted for every life lost in the UK because of Covid-19. The Forests of Memories will remember everyone impacted by the pandemic, and as they establish and grow they will remove carbon from the atmosphere to help fight climate change. The Forests will also establish an educational and cultural resource for communities for generations to come.

Forests will be a fitting tribute of remembrance. They will create a positive focus on recovery, help people heal, and be a symbol of hope and regrowth for all.

The Forests of Memories will be true legacies for our society, legacies that create something good from the ashes of these tragic times.

10's Thousands

early deaths in the UK

100's Thousands

suffering 'long-covid'

Millions

of families impacted



A place to
heal, a place
to educate,
a place to
remember
and **unite**
together
with purpose

Accessibility



Sustainability



Education



MORE THAN

REMEMBRANCE FORESTS

The Forests of Memories are being grown because of Covid-19 but designed to continue to benefit communities when this pandemic is only a memory.

The Forests will be grown from love of those we lost because of Covid-19, from compassion for those effected by physical or mental wellness, and in celebration of the ordinary people who continue to overcome adversity and personal challenges during the pandemic.

Remembrance will be the key purpose of the Forests of Memories. They will be tranquil places to reflect and heal in a calming environment. But they will become more than that.

The Forests of Memories will be designed on themes of sustainability, accessibility and education. These themes will be supported by the use of innovative technology befitting a forest for the 22nd century. The vision for the Forests of Memories is that they will become important places of remembrance. But also, that they will be an educational and cultural resource for local communities that attracts visitors from around the UK and internationally, while also creating jobs.

MEMORY-TREES

To aid remembrance, a unique concept of 'Memory-Trees' is being introduced for the Forests of Memories. This will enable people to dedicate trees for their loved

ones and attach these to digital memories curated and shared by friends and family. This unique concept, combines memorial trees with technology, creating memories of loved ones that never fade and cherished places to visit and recall those memories.



GROVES OF REFLECTION

The Forests of Memories will contain 'Groves of Reflection'. Each Grove themed on an issue (such as Mental Wellness) that people were confronted with during the pandemic. The Groves will help visitors to engage with life issues, remember all those impacted, and gain strength from their experiences.

The Groves of Reflection will be designed as tranquil places of reflection, while also offering an educational message. The subject of each Grove will be accompanied by digital content accessed via a smartphone and created to help people engage with the message in an age appropriate manner.



THE PATH THROUGH THE FOREST
GROVES WILL BE LAID OUT AS A
SPIRAL. THIS ANCIENT SYMBOL
REPRESENTS THE
CONSCIOUSNESS OF NATURE
BEGINNING FROM IT'S CENTRE
EXPANDING OUTWARDLY
THROUGH THE SYMBOLIC
JOURNEY OF LIFE

IMAGINE A JOURNEY

THROUGH A FOREST

On one level visitors walking through a Forest of Memories will take a relaxing walk viewing sculpture, reading poems, and enjoying the Forest environment. Along the way there will also be plaques of remembrance where Memory-Trees have been dedicated to loved ones.

On a deeper level, if visitors choose, the journey will help them engage with the challenges people faced during the pandemic. The key purpose of the journey however is to help people reflect on the journey of life as the final grove of Love & Loss is reached. That will symbolise the termination point of life and will contain a memorial wall with the names of all the loved ones who have had trees dedicated to them in the Forest.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

An international sculpture competition will be run with leaders in the Art community and the winning sculptures will become permanent installations within the Forest of Memories. In addition, sculpture will be obtained on loan from established artists and galleries. Plaques with poetry will be placed around Groves and accompanying original music for the themes of Groves will be made available on the visitor Smartphone App.

"The Forests of Memories will be Forests of award winning Art. Providing benefit to the arts, local communities and visitors alike"

FACILITATING EDUCATION

A Forest school will be established in due course to help local children engage with the natural world in a forest environment. Different age groups will also be encouraged to interact with the humanitarian and art themes of the Groves of Reflection. Through this an educational and cultural focus will be created on a range of Art and Humanity subjects.

Digital content will be designed in conjunction with relevant charities to support the educational element of the Forests. This will be made available on a smartphone App and website with supporting materials for teachers. Overtime, the content will evolve so that future generations can continue to engage and learn about these important humanity subjects in ways meeting the needs of their own time.

"I think its a beautiful idea. It would also serve as a lifelong tribute to the many lives lost."

CAMILLA



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A BIT ABOUT THE

FOREST LOCATIONS

A consultation period was conducted at the start of the Forest of Memories project to help develop the Forest plans. One thing people wanted was a forest of remembrance that was in reasonable travel distance so that they could visit trees they may have dedicated to their loved one.

To achieve that, a network of Forest of memories are planned around the UK. Each Forest will be created on the same principles of remembrance, sustainability, accessibility and education.

The first forest is planned to be planted in Runnymede, Surrey and will open in 2021 to coincide with when (it is hoped) the UK will be starting our journey into a post-pandemic world. The opening of the first Forest of memories will be a symbolic step on that journey. The specific locations for the other forests is still under review and we are, right now, searching for suitable land. So, if you have a land available for a Forest of Memories, contact us today.



A network of Forest of Memories are planned for across the UK. Each designed to the same themes.

The 1st Forest will open in 2021 and is planned to be with Runnymede Borough Council.

BE PART OF THE JOURNEY

SUPPORT THE PROJECT AS A BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL

The Forest of Memories project is an initiative of significance and importance to our nation that will leave a lasting legacy for society. We can't achieve that alone. For success we will need to unite people from different backgrounds to work for the common good.

The Forest of Memories vision will require individuals, charities, and businesses to come together to share in that vision. A vision of making a positive change in the world that is designed to support the emotional and mental wellness of our society.

ARE YOU A CHARITY OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT?

We need your help to help all those impacted by the Pandemic. You will obtain donations, promote your brand and message through a national sculpture competition and to forest visitors through online educational content. For zero cost.

ARE YOU A BUSINESS?

We have crafted a number of partnership packages that will reward your business for the generosity that is shown to the Forest of Memories by making donations or giving sponsorship.

SUPPORT THE PROJECT AS AN INDIVIDUAL

As an individual you may have money or time to give to help the Forest of Memories become a reality. Both of these are important to us. If you think you can help, please reach out.

For more information, visit our website or contact us today:

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

SPONSOR A FOREST



Show your brand supports the environment

SUPPORT THE ARTS



Sponsor a category in an international sculpture competition

SUPPORT EDUCATION



Sponsor the creation of educational material on humanities & art

BE A HERO



Make a donation or volunteer your time as a business or individual





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JAMES YOUNG

Chief Partnerships Officer

James is the one who creates strong partner relationships and ensures everyone achieves their desired outcomes. He makes us stronger than we would be working alone.



SALMAAN NASSER

Chief Vision Officer

Salmaan started the Forest of Memories project from a sincere desire to help people who had been bereaved during the pandemic. He creates the vision to inspire us.



IFTI CHAUDHRI

Goodwill Ambassador

Ifti champions and promotes the cause far and wide. He is the one who rallies decision makers, influencers, and key supporters. So, together we can achieve the vision.



ROBERT STREETER

Chief Growth Officer

Robert is the one who converts our shared desire to help people into defined strategies, designed solutions, and coordinated actions. He steers us so we make the vision a reality.

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