



## Pallbearers and Gravediggers

### Pallbearers

A pallbearer is usually someone who is selected by a family members of the deceased to help carry the casket to the burial site at a funeral or into the crematorium. There are typically six to eight pallbearers, depending on the size and weight of the casket. Duties of a pallbearer can vary, dependant upon tradition or family wishes. Pallbearers can be men or women, one of our local independent Funeral directors Arthur C Towner regularly provides all female pallbearers on request. You are able to contact freelance pallbearers through funeral directors if friends or family member cannot or do not wish to undertake the role.

### Gravediggers

For those that have chosen a burial, there are independent gravediggers available to undertake the role of preparing the grave, ensuring the coffin is safely lowered and the grave is closed. Very few gravediggers use manual tools now most use JCB equipment, however by contacting an independent gravedigger you may be able to discuss this. Below are some of the independent gravediggers that we are aware of and their contact details:

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