

TABLE OF CREMATIONS CARRIED OUT IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Cremation Society acknowledges with thanks the co-operation of The Federation of British Cremation Authorities in compiling these statistics

*KEY TO SERVICES INCLUDED IN LAST COLUMN

Use of chapel, waiting room and all attendances Floral decoration Music (recorded or organ)
Scattering/strewing of ashes Medical Referee's fee

CREMATORIA	1985	1986	Total since opening	1986 Total for County	R.C's recorded	April 1986 Cremation Fee from	April 1987 Cremation Fee from	*Total Crematorium Charges from
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AVON (5)								
BATH	3,065	2,951	59,393		N/R	65.00	70.00	70.00
BRISTOL (Arno's Vale)	870	800	98,163		N/R	75.00	75.00	86.00
BRISTOL (Canford)	2,926	3,038	66,491	10,181	114	66.00	68.50	68.50
BRISTOL (South)	1,775	1,937	19,490		64	66.00	68.50	68.50
WESTON-SUPER-MARE	1,391	1,455	22,746		33	62.50	64.50	64.50
BEDFORDSHIRE (2)								
BEDFORD	1,239	1,328	32,714	4,079	N/R	70.00	78.50	89.00
LUTON	2,816	2,752	56,099		N/R	64.00	72.00	79.50
BERKSHIRE (3)								
BRACKNELL	1,283	1,303	14,192		37	53.00	55.00	64.00
READING	2,231	2,352	69,260	5,382	N/R	52.00	55.00	55.00
SLOUGH	1,717	1,727	34,837		N/R	65.00	70.00	70.00
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (2)								
AMERSHAM (Chilterns)	2,695	2,598	43,049	3,636	N/R	58.40	61.30	61.30
MILTON KEYNES	1,018	1,038	4,148		N/R	71.40	73.90	73.90
CAMBRIDGESHIRE (2)								
CAMBRIDGE	3,344	3,273	75,998	5,385	N/R	70.00	74.00	80.00
PETERBOROUGH	2,160	2,112	45,250		300	70.00	70.00	70.00
CHESHIRE (5)								
CHESTER	1,928	1,844	32,280		139	60.00	63.00	63.00
CREWE	1,110	1,109	23,702		12	55.00	57.50	60.00
MACCLESFIELD	1,350	1,327	25,421	6,647	N/R	57.00	59.85	61.42
WARRINGTON	1,775	1,818	31,136		225	52.00	56.00	62.00
WIDNES	538	549	13,403		N/R	55.00	58.00	60.00
CLEVELAND (2)								
HARTLEPOOL	966	957	23,403	4,576	49	30.25	33.30	35.40
MIDDLESBROUGH	3,650	3,619	71,443		286	54.00	60.00	60.00
CORNWALL (1)								
TRURO	2,818	2,829	54,544	2,829	N/R	63.60	65.00	65.00
CUMBRIA (3)								
BARROW-IN-FURNESS	900	874	19,267		N/R	55.00	59.00	61.80
CARLISLE	1,696	1,612	37,782	3,273	N/R	64.00	79.00	79.00
WHITEHAVEN	802	787	9,228		43	75.00	80.00	82.50
DERBYSHIRE (2)								
CHESTERFIELD	2,074	2,039	44,833	5,303	47	60.00	63.00	63.00
DERBY	3,283	3,264	92,881		77	62.00	65.00	65.00
DEVONSHIRE (5)								
BARNSTAPLE	1,101	1,287	19,154		37	65.00	68.00	73.00
EXETER	3,258	3,490	62,201		85	76.00	80.00	80.00
PLYMOUTH (Efford)	1,353	1,412	66,618	10,389	N/R	80.00	86.00	98.00
PLYMOUTH (Weston Mill)	1,557	1,638	26,820		N/R	80.00	86.00	98.00
TORQUAY	2,539	2,562	58,371		37	71.00	75.00	75.00
DORSET (3)								
BOURNEMOUTH	5,263	3,956	140,981		147	85.00	90.00	91.45
POOLE	170	1,618	1,788	6,693	N/R	86.00	90.00	91.45
WEYMOUTH	1,122	1,119	35,625		N/R	81.00	91.00	91.00
DURHAM (2)								
DARLINGTON	2,012	1,882	61,802	3,948	90	52.00	54.60	63.45
DURHAM	2,032	2,066	41,586		N/R	44.00	50.00	53.15
ESSEX (6)								
CHELMSFORD	2,170	2,061	38,226		66	72.00	76.00	76.00
COLCHESTER	2,760	1,781	56,612		64	61.50	64.00	64.00

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HARLOW	1,542	1,564	24,792	14,434	N/R	£ 22.00	£ 14.00	£ 14.00
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA	3,314	3,317	84,544		N/R	89.00	92.00	92.00
SOUTH ESSEX	4,500	4,548	83,503		225	67.00	75.00	75.00
WEELEY	—	1,163	1,163		40	65.00	78.50	78.50
GLOUCESTERSHIRE (2)								
CHELTENHAM	2,013	1,948	61,896	3,809	N/R	65.00	72.00	81.00
GLOUCESTER	1,773	1,861	40,553		38	60.00	64.00	67.00
HAMPSHIRE (3)								
ALDRSHOT	2,285	2,360	45,033	10,297	121	58.00	60.00	60.00
PORTCHESTER	4,080	3,994	94,600		N/R	55.00	65.00	65.00
SOUTHAMPTON	3,966	3,943	107,779		N/R	57.00	61.00	61.00
HEREFORD AND WORCESTER (3)								
HEREFORD	1,141	1,152	22,748	3,716	25	58.50	61.00	68.75
REDDITCH	736	760	7,755		N/R	65.00	70.00	70.00
WORCESTER	1,776	1,804	35,374		50	54.00	58.00	58.00
HERTFORDSHIRE (1)								
WEST HERTS	3,964	3,918	85,413	3,918	173	60.50	63.50	63.50
HUMBERSIDE (3)								
GREAT GRIMSBY	1,888	1,784	49,312	6,474	28	42.00	46.20	46.20
HULL	3,524	3,411	100,520		137	38.75	51.00	51.00
SCUNTHORPE	1,327	1,279	23,796		N/R	53.00	56.00	56.00
ISLE OF MAN (1)								
DOUGLAS	566	541	9,762	541	36	92.00	97.00	97.00
ISLE OF WIGHT (1)								
WHIPPINGHAM	1,388	1,435	27,330	1,435	45	66.00	75.00	75.00
KENT (7)								
BARHAM	2,311	2,391	61,701	13,464	39	61.00	65.00	67.00
CHARING	1,451	1,473	75,107		29	61.00	65.00	67.00
FOLKESTONE	775	829	20,045		N/R	68.00	71.00	71.00
MAIDSTONE	1,909	1,937	35,787		67	60.00	63.00	63.00
MARGATE	1,802	1,839	32,707		87	58.00	61.00	61.00
MEDWAY	2,749	2,764	58,137		101	64.25	68.00	68.00
TUNBRIDGE WELLS	2,204	2,231	48,197		N/R	65.00	68.00	79.00
LANCASHIRE (7)								
ACCRINGTON	1,063	1,107	24,450	12,457	113	49.50	52.00	52.00
BLACKBURN	1,488	1,557	37,272		213	51.00	53.00	53.00
BLACKPOOL	2,504	2,423	97,793		190	62.00	66.00	66.00
BURNLEY	1,980	1,911	47,590		194	50.00	60.00	60.00
LANCASTER & MORECAMBE	2,130	2,122	38,903		117	70.00	76.00	76.00
LYTHAM ST. ANNES	1,450	1,467	31,916		158	57.00	62.00	64.50
PRESTON	1,945	1,868	35,214		N/R	67.00	70.00	87.50
LEICESTERSHIRE (2)								
LEICESTER	3,758	3,725	109,811	5,244	N/R	65.00	70.00	70.00
LOUGHBOROUGH	1,543	1,519	30,387		N/R	53.00	55.75	55.75
LINCOLNSHIRE (3)								
BOSTON	1,461	1,453	22,114	3,830	29	62.00	66.00	67.45
GRANTHAM	986	907	15,077		19	60.00	60.00	68.05
LINCOLN	1,440	1,470	21,921		38	45.00	47.50	47.50
LONDON (24)								
BECKENHAM	2,406	2,472	58,214	3,830	N/R	75.00	80.00	80.00
CROYDON	2,851	2,789	105,013		N/R	63.00	63.00	63.00
ELTHAM	4,426	4,399	105,460		N/R	76.00	79.00	87.00
ENFIELD	3,925	3,703	162,052		N/R	60.00	60.00	60.00
GOLDERS GREEN	3,343	3,325	267,637		296	72.00	79.00	79.00
HENDON	1,200	1,202	34,027		122	44.00	46.00	55.00
HONOR OAK	2,045	1,906	95,854		105	67.56	74.30	74.30
ISLINGTON	1,158	1,172	30,861		N/R	60.00	63.00	63.00
KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES	1,201	1,264	45,971		70	63.25	83.20	83.20
LAMBETH	1,180	1,019	27,176		39	32.00	32.00	32.00

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LEWISHAM	1,937	1,898	46,450		120	65.00	68.00	68.00
LONDON (City of)	5,171	5,048	161,239	53,544	N/R	74.00	80.00	80.00
LONDON (East)	872	773	14,798		N/R	67.00	70.00	70.00
LONDON (South)	3,033	2,891	170,543		279	70.00	75.00	75.00
LONDON (West)	1,572	1,575	52,485		N/R	56.00	62.00	62.00
MANOR PARK	896	894	23,943		N/R	70.00	74.00	74.00
MORTLAKE	2,667	2,727	113,063		310	56.00	68.00	68.00
NEW SOUTHGATE	890	855	19,228		59	65.00	80.00	80.00
NORTH EAST SURREY	2,069	2,037	45,691		N/R	57.00	60.00	60.00
PUTNEY VALE	2,222	2,112	70,748		181	55.00	58.00	58.00
RUISLIP	4,734	4,624	113,591		N/R	60.00	70.00	70.00
ST. MARYLEBONE	1,357	1,168	65,329		95	65.00	80.00	80.00
SOUTH WEST MIDDLESEX	3,042	3,100	85,193		210	69.00	72.50	72.50
WEST NORWOOD	438	592	27,572		N/R	32.00	32.00	32.00
MANCHESTER (GREATER) (12)								
ALTRINCHAM	1,704	1,703	36,533		N/R	54.00	56.70	56.70
BOLTON	4,250	4,292	109,964		303	63.00	66.00	72.50
DUKINFIELD	2,191	2,317	58,476		N/R	57.50	60.50	60.50
ECCLES	1,118	986	30,482		60	48.00	51.00	53.00
MANCHESTER (Blackley)	1,648	1,544	33,448		N/R	35.00	35.00	35.00
MANCHESTER (Chorlton-cum-Hardy)	3,365	3,261	180,864	23,495	351	55.00	60.00	69.00
MIDDLETON	478	481	16,106		N/R	48.50	51.00	51.00
OLDHAM	1,816	1,797	48,587		151	75.00	80.00	80.00
ROCHDALE	1,523	1,563	72,717		N/R	48.50	51.00	51.00
SALFORD	1,316	1,336	31,497		N/R	48.00	51.00	52.80
STOCKPORT	2,634	2,745	91,236		59	57.00	67.00	67.00
WIGAN	1,524	1,470	37,781		564	55.00	58.00	65.00
MERSEYSIDE (6)								
BIRKENHEAD	3,145	2,973	93,694		305	51.00	54.00	54.00
CROSBY (Thornton)	1,529	1,477	26,563		N/R	57.50	56.00	60.75
LIVERPOOL (Anfield)	2,603	2,522	124,197	12,847	671	53.00	60.00	60.00
LIVERPOOL (Springwood)	2,279	2,288	25,168		493	53.00	60.00	60.00
ST. HELENS	1,781	1,733	29,897		407	49.00	49.00	49.00
SOUTHPORT	1,863	1,854	37,192		174	53.00	56.00	60.70
NORFOLK (4)								
GREAT YARMOUTH	1,539	1,487	22,257		27	77.00	81.00	81.00
KING'S LYNN	1,298	1,335	6,963		N/R	63.00	65.00	65.00
NORWICH (City)	1,122	1,175	18,696	6,735	44	54.00	59.00	59.00
NORWICH (Horsham St. Faith)	2,865	2,738	82,120		44	55.00	67.00	67.00
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (2)								
KETTERING	2,363	2,268	59,849	4,104	72	63.80	67.00	72.20
NORTHAMPTON	1,737	1,836	55,233		N/R	72.00	77.50	79.00
NORTHUMBERLAND (1)								
BLYTH	1,537	1,566	32,512	1,566	N/R	42.00	47.00	52.00
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (3)								
BRAMCOTE	2,344	2,572	15,307		75	63.00	66.00	66.00
MANSFIELD	2,697	2,789	55,508	8,300	N/R	57.00	60.00	60.00
NOTTINGHAM	3,202	2,939	156,162		N/R	46.70	49.00	49.00
OXFORDSHIRE (1)								
OXFORD	3,164	3,243	87,121	3,243	91	80.00	85.00	85.00
SHROPSHIRE (1)								
SHREWSBURY	2,374	2,384	45,685	2,384	54	63.05	64.95	64.95
SOMERSET (2)								
TAUNTON	2,076	2,022	38,699	3,396	N/R	70.00	75.00	75.00
YEovil	1,361	1,374	16,254		N/R	68.00	75.00	75.00
STAFFORDSHIRE (4)								
BRETBY	1,199	1,148	12,149		13	50.00	55.00	57.00
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	1,397	1,376	21,120		33	28.50	30.50	30.50
STAFFORD	1,177	1,215	17,729	5,683	N/R	57.75	59.50	59.50
STOKE-ON-TRENT	1,976	1,944	74,976		N/R	40.00	42.85	42.85
SUFFOLK (1)								
IPSWICH	2,595	2,524	68,582	2,524	51	93.00	97.25	97.25
SURREY (3)								
GUILDFORD	1,657	1,633	27,707		N/R	65.00	69.00	81.00

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LEATHERHEAD	2,159	2,112	39,965	5,744	55	85.00	100.00	100.00
WOKING	1,956	1,999	108,692		79	80.00	85.00	85.00
SUSSEX EAST (4)								
BRIGHTON (The Downs) ..	3,266	3,272	128,600		159	73.00	76.00	76.00
BRIGHTON (Woodvale) ..	1,211	1,107	69,718	8,920	56	65.00	68.00	68.00
EASTBOURNE	3,088	3,003	58,212		N/R	75.00	82.00	82.00
HASTINGS	1,636	1,538	45,603		N/R	70.00	80.00	80.00
SUSSEX WEST (3)								
CHICHESTER	2,407	2,375	29,967		92	79.00	85.00	85.00
SURREY & SUSSEX	3,341	3,183	71,123	8,945	95	80.00	85.00	85.00
WORTHING	3,662	3,387	62,076		128	74.00	80.00	80.00
TYNE AND WEAR (8)								
BIRTLEY	707	714	21,910		45	51.20	52.80	58.60
GATESHEAD	1,374	1,382	22,803		162	51.20	52.80	54.95
MOUNTSETT	1,355	1,344	22,982		81	50.20	52.80	54.94
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE ..	3,721	3,585	157,514	13,206	218	63.00	67.00	67.00
SOUTH SHIELDS	1,504	1,553	30,011		144	60.00	65.00	65.00
SUNDERLAND	2,918	2,708	74,457		191	41.50	46.00	47.25
TYNEMOUTH	1,145	1,065	23,176		N/R	71.60	73.70	77.10
WHITLEY BAY	800	855	17,184		N/R	71.60	73.70	77.10
WARWICKSHIRE (2)								
LEAMINGTON SPA	1,728	1,792	19,114	3,198	94	60.00	65.00	65.00
NUNEATON	1,460	1,406	28,070		N/R	46.00	46.00	47.25
WEST MIDLANDS (12)								
BIRMINGHAM (Lodge Hill) ..	2,846	2,782	119,569		144	72.00	75.00	75.00
BIRMINGHAM (Perry Barr) ..	1,791	1,700	113,709		78	72.00	78.00	78.00
BIRMINGHAM (Sutton Coldfield)	2,049	2,080	35,005		115	72.00	75.00	75.00
BIRMINGHAM (Yardley) ..	2,417	2,170	73,792		146	72.00	75.00	75.00
COVENTRY	3,162	3,074	95,107		142	62.00	70.00	70.00
DUDLEY	1,506	1,554	29,973		N/R	61.00	63.50	63.50
ROWLEY REGIS	813	834	14,489	24,405	N/R	62.00	65.00	65.00
SOLIHULL	2,145	2,204	44,879		102	70.00	74.00	74.00
STOURBRIDGE	1,696	1,698	32,971		N/R	61.00	63.50	63.50
WALSALL	1,539	1,590	33,915		N/R	46.00	50.00	60.35
WEST BROMWICH	1,841	1,882	34,800		N/R	62.00	65.00	65.00
WOLVERHAMPTON	2,812	2,837	70,843		N/R	61.00	69.00	69.00
WILTSHIRE (2)								
SALISBURY	1,799	1,795	34,161	3,580	N/R	56.00	60.00	60.00
SWINDON	1,744	1,785	27,151		68	71.50	76.00	76.00
YORKSHIRE NORTH (4)								
HARROGATE	1,407	1,430	35,446		N/R	79.00	79.00	79.00
SCARBOROUGH	1,832	1,797	34,972	6,448	N/R	60.00	63.00	63.00
SKIPTON	902	917	30,144		N/R	50.00	54.00	54.00
YORK	2,270	2,304	44,439		N/R	75.50	79.00	79.00
YORKSHIRE SOUTH (5)								
BARNSLEY	2,124	2,026	39,351		N/R	60.50	63.00	63.00
DONCASTER	2,623	2,532	50,131		N/R	60.00	63.00	64.50
ROTHERHAM	1,704	1,702	31,515	11,995	N/R	60.50	66.50	66.50
SHEFFIELD (City Road) ..	3,315	3,316	144,694		N/R	50.00	52.00	52.00
SHEFFIELD (Hutcliffe Wood) ..	2,313	2,419	26,016		N/R	50.00	52.00	52.00
YORKSHIRE WEST (11)								
BRADFORD	1,438	1,166	85,487		166	59.00	59.00	62.10
DEWSBURY	1,642	1,571	37,419		68	80.00	85.00	90.00
HALIFAX	1,992	1,963	58,579		N/R	71.00	80.60	80.60
HUDDERSFIELD	2,124	2,136	51,590		N/R	80.00	85.00	90.00
KEIGHLEY	586	562	12,720		64	59.00	59.00	62.10
LEEDS (Cottingley Hall) ..	1,596	1,649	57,556	18,910	N/R	67.50	77.00	77.00
LEEDS (Lawns Wood)	3,092	2,993	144,110		N/R	67.50	77.00	77.00
PONTEFRACHT	1,768	1,669	37,179		49	64.20	67.00	67.00
RAWDON	2,157	2,147	40,234		N/R	67.50	77.00	77.00
SHIPLEY	1,799	1,879	36,173		120	59.00	59.00	62.10
WAKEFIELD	1,097	1,175	21,989		39	64.20	67.00	67.00
SCOTLAND (18)								
ABERDEEN	2,754	2,719	73,221		32	102.00	108.00	108.00
AYR	2,195	2,185	33,129		70	59.00	67.50	70.00
CARDROSS	542	491	10,455		N/R	39.60	41.60	45.23
CLYDEBANK	1,443	1,545	22,505		146	59.50	69.00	71.75
DUNDEE	2,389	2,358	72,322		158	129.00	139.00	153.50

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DUNFERMLINE	676	647	8,603		23	68.00	74.00	74.00
EDINBURGH (Mortonhall) ..	2,337	2,251	31,429		86	60.00	60.00	60.00
EDINBURGH (Warriston) ..	3,610	3,503	165,593		124	75.00	75.00	75.00
FALKIRK	1,864	1,912	28,041	35,249	44	67.50	84.00	84.00
GLASGOW (Craigton)	1,284	1,289	39,363		166	69.00	73.00	84.00
GLASGOW (Daldowie)	4,085	4,118	95,888		251	78.00	81.00	81.00
GLASGOW (The Linn)	2,845	2,961	56,035		248	78.00	81.00	81.00
GLASGOW (Maryhill)	2,423	2,346	105,469		193	57.00	70.00	70.00
GREENOCK	1,094	1,144	21,276		N/R	60.00	63.00	75.60
KIRKCALDY	1,919	1,863	41,359		N/R	65.00	70.00	70.00
LEITH	885	895	31,022		30	75.00	75.00	75.00
PAISLEY	1,674	1,736	65,557		N/R	85.00	90.00	102.00
PERTH	1,145	1,286	21,481		31	86.00	86.00	96.00
WALES (11)								
ABERDARE	1,138	1,267	14,316		N/R	48.00	59.00	68.00
BANGOR	822	885	9,347		32	50.00	53.00	53.00
BRIDGEND	873	999	10,532		24	29.10	46.10	50.20
CARDIFF	3,045	2,888	78,961		147	48.00	49.20	58.93
COLWYN BAY	1,887	1,800	45,149		81	67.00	75.00	75.00
GWENT	2,519	2,518	53,900	18,234	33	53.35	60.80	65.60
MARGAM	1,321	1,380	21,430		48	48.00	50.00	50.00
NARBERTH	1,074	1,078	14,246		24	42.00	44.00	44.00
PONTYPRIDD	1,476	1,604	74,186		N/R	45.00	54.50	60.50
SWANSEA	2,705	2,674	69,232		59	34.00	36.00	36.00
WREXHAM (Pentrebychan) ..	1,271	1,141	18,694		28	63.50	66.70	66.70
CHANNEL ISLANDS (2)								
GUERNSEY	305	302	7,011	755	N/R	50.00	55.00	55.00
JERSEY	485	453	8,639		65	85.00	95.00	95.00
NORTHERN IRELAND (1)								
BELFAST	1,599	1,647	24,786	1,647	34	39.30	39.30	43.00
TOTALS	443,687	440,997	11,614,457	440,997	10,778			
1987 average cremation fee: £66.35			1987 average total crematorium charges: £67.89					
*KEY TO SERVICES INCLUDED IN LAST COLUMN								
Use of chapel, waiting room and all attendances			Floral decoration			Music (recorded or organ)		
Scattering/Strewing of ashes			Medical Referee's Fee					

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I was concerned to read in your Spring 1987 edition, a report that Cardiff City Council had agreed to change its Crematorium Regulations regarding the sealing of coffins containing bodies of AIDS sufferers. I appreciate the reasons for these new regulations but am concerned that they may have inadvertently substituted one hazard for another.

It would appear that the intention is to make the coffin leakproof but the method described could also make it

airtight. When a coffin is placed in a cremator, the air/gases contained in it are subjected to a very rapid increase in temperature of some hundreds of degrees centigrade; these gases will expand at a correspondingly high rate. The gases must be able to escape quickly; if the coffin is well sealed and the sealant is as strong as some manufacturers claim, there is the potential for a considerable explosion. Should such an incident take place most of the debris would be contained within the cremator, some however could escape when the cremator doors were blown open. Any debris which caught the operator could not only cause serious injury but, although unlikely, the debris may also contain contaminated body

fluids. I suggest the result could be much worse than the original problem.

I have no wish to minimise the dangers of contracting AIDS but the matter appears to have tended to get out of proportion; the use of body bags plus the emphasis to staff on personal hygiene and the free issue of rubber gloves and disinfectant should be ample safeguard for anyone who comes no closer to a body than the outside of a coffin.

Yours sincerely,

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