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# GLOSSARY OF FUNERAL ORGANISATIONS





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<p><b>ANBG</b></p>	<p>The Association of Natural Burial Grounds</p> 	<p>The Association of Natural Burial Grounds (ANBG) was established by The Natural Death Centre in 1994. Its aims and objects have remained unchanged.</p> <p>It requires members to comply with a Code of Conduct to provide the public with the assurance of best practice at every member site.</p> <p>ANBG also assists individuals in the process of establishing new natural burial grounds, provides guidance to existing burial ground operators and represent members as a whole.</p>
<p><b>APCC</b></p>	<p>Association of Private Crematoria and Cemeteries</p> 	<p>The Association traces its roots back to 1924. Today it represents just under 60 crematoria and 11 cemeteries.</p> <p>The prime aim of the Association is to provide quiet surroundings for the bereaved by ensuring that the highest professional standards are applied to every aspect of cremation and cemetery services.</p>
<p><b>APPCC</b></p>	<p>The Association of Private Pet Cemeteries &amp; Crematoria</p> 	<p>In April 1993 The Association of Private Pet Cemeteries and Crematoria was founded in order to promote companion animal facilities, to set and maintain a code of conduct to ensure quality of service and to have a voice with regard to legislation being introduced.</p>

<b>BCAG</b>	Burial and Cremation Advisory Group  	BCAG advises burial authorities, the public and government on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing, managing and maintaining burial grounds, including those closed to further burials</li> <li>• good burial practice and procedures, including on exhumation</li> <li>• possible improvements to policy and legislation</li> </ul> It also makes recommendations on future advisory arrangements.
<b>BHA</b>	British Humanist Association  	The British Humanist Association (BHA) is a national charity working on behalf of non-religious people who seek to live ethical and fulfilling lives on the basis of reason and humanity.
<b>BIE</b>	British Institute of Embalmers  	The British Institute of Embalmers was founded in 1927 by 15 Funeral Directors who felt the need for a separate organisation for the professional embalmer.
<b>BIFD</b>	British Institute of Funeral Directors  	BIFD was established in 1982 by funeral directors looking for specific education and training for their profession; to help members of the public, seeking to use the services of a funeral director, to choose wisely and get the best possible professional services on offer.

<p><b>BRAMM</b></p>	<p>British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons</p> 	<p>Set up in 2004 with the aim of establishing a network of nationally accredited businesses and registered fixers that could ultimately replace individual Registration Schemes.</p> <p><b>PRIMARY AIMS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To establish a recognised uniform standard of workmanship to meet the requirements of BS 8415 in all burial grounds.</li> <li>• To ensure that all on the BRAMM Register follow current health and safety guidelines.</li> <li>• To ensure that BRAMM businesses give a guarantee of the stability of their memorial.</li> <li>• To ensure the Scheme will be effectively policed.</li> <li>• To encourage on-going training and education.</li> <li>• To promote a closer working relationship between Memorial Masons and Burial Authorities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BSA</b></p>	<p>Bereavement Services Association</p> 	<p>The BSA was established in May 2005.</p> <p><b>Its aims are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide a national network for those who work in providing bereavement support services.</li> <li>• To provide a national forum for discussion and training for those providing bereavement support services, particularly in the NHS.</li> <li>• To contribute to the improvement of the quality of bereavement services nationally</li> <li>• To raise the profile and seek recognition for the role of those who provide bereavement support services.</li> <li>• To raise awareness of the role and availability of bereavement support service.</li> </ul>





<p><b>CAMEO</b></p>	<p>Crematoria Abatement of Mercury Emissions Organisation</p> 	<p>In 2005 Defra introduced a requirement for the cremation industry to remove mercury from 50% of cremations. This target achieves a proportionate response for removing mercury from cremations, whilst not burdening the bereaved with excessive cost.</p> <p>CAMEO was created in 2006 as the lead organisation, providing and managing a national burden sharing scheme.</p>
<p><b>CANA</b></p>	<p>The Cremation Association of North America</p> 	<p>Founded in 1913, the Cremation Association of North America (CANA) is an international organization of over 3,300 members, composed of funeral homes, cemeteries, crematoria, industry suppliers and consultants.</p> <p>The Cremation Association of North America was originally formed to promote the "modern way" and the "safe and hygienic way" of dealing with a dead human body.</p>
<p><b>CBFS</b></p>	<p>Council for British Funeral Services</p>	<p>The Council of British Funeral Services (CBFS) is a National Federation of funeral service organisations who are engaged in the provision of products or services related to the funeral sector.</p>
<p><b>CCSS</b></p>	<p>The Coroner's Courts Support Service</p> 	<p>The Coroners' Courts Support Service is a registered charity whose volunteers give emotional and practical support to families and other witnesses attending Inquests at Coroner's Courts.</p>
<p><b>CFSMA</b></p>	<p>Cooperative Funeral Services Managers Association</p> 	<p>The CFSMA is a constituent association of the National Association of Co-operative Officials (NACO) and also functions as a trade union for funeral managers in the Co-operative movement, whilst also being regarded by many as a trade association. The CFSMA rule book explains entitlement to membership and can be accessed by visiting the NACO website.</p>






<p><b>CFC</b></p>	<p>Child Funeral Charity</p> 	<p>Child Funeral Charity (CFC) assists families financially in England and Wales who have to arrange a funeral for a baby or child aged 16 or under. Whilst many funeral directors, the clergy and most celebrants do not charge fees, there are other funeral related expenses that bereaved parents have to find. Financial support is available from CFC to help with such funeral costs, together with practical advice and guidance.</p>
<p><b>CFG</b></p>	<p>Churches' Funerals Group</p> 	<p>The Churches Group on Funeral Services at Cemeteries and Crematoria was formed as an advisory body in 1980 by the mainstream denominations in England and Wales: to coordinate their policies relating to the pastoral and administrative aspects of funeral services and to represent the Churches at the national level in joint discussions with public and private organisations on matters relating to ministry at funerals.</p>
<p><b>COTS</b></p>	<p>Cemetery Operatives Training Scheme</p> 	<p>Health and Safety law places a positive duty upon burial authorities to provide a safe workplace that will protect the health &amp; safety of any person in a cemetery. The Scheme has been designed by the ICCM to train, assess and certificate operatives in safe working practice and to encourage a process of thought that will assist with accident prevention.</p>
<p><b>CSGB</b></p>	<p>The Cremation Society of Great Britain</p> 	<p>The Society, a registered charity, was established 141 years ago in 1874. It has been the pioneer of cremation in Great Britain and in 1885 built and operated the UK's first crematorium in Woking.</p> <p>The Society formation has worked to promote and establish the practice of cremation. It has aided both private enterprise and local authorities in the setting up of new crematoria and has pressed the Government departments concerned for developments in the law so that this rational, safe and dignified method of disposal of the dead might be practised in a way that gives the best possible service to the community.</p>

<p><b>FBCA</b></p>	<p>Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities</p> 	<p>The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA) provides services to the owners and operators of cemeteries and crematoria across the whole of the UK. Currently the FBCA represents approximately 85% of all UK crematoria.</p> <p>The FBCA is a primary link between Government Departments in England Scotland and Wales and Burial and Cremation Authorities throughout the UK and is a provider of accredited training opportunities for those persons working within the service.</p>
<p><b>FD</b></p>	<p>Funeral Director</p>	
<p><b>FFMA</b></p>	<p>Funeral Furnishing Manufacturer's Association</p> 	<p>Established in 1939, the Funeral Furnishing Manufacturer's Association (FFMA) is the link between manufacturers/suppliers of goods and the end users - the funeral directors and the crematoria. Its aim is to ensure that quality goods are produced and high standards are maintained within the profession.</p>
<p><b>FPA</b></p>	<p>Funeral Planning Authority</p> 	<p>The Funeral Planning Authority (FPA) is an organisation set up by the industry to regulate providers in the UK pre-paid funeral plan industry. Its primary aim is to ensure providers that are registered with the FPA are operating in a manner that will result in customers getting the funeral they have paid for when it is needed.</p>
<p><b>FSJ</b></p>	<p>Funeral Services Journal</p> 	<p>The FSJ has been a funeral industry source since 1886.</p> <p>Now published by Heritage Studios, the A5-size monthly magazine offers an independent viewpoint on the industry and helps to create a sense of community.</p>
<p><b>FST</b></p>	<p>Funeral Service Times</p> 	<p>Funeral Service Times is a magazine for the UK funeral profession.</p>

<p><b>ICCM</b></p>	<p>Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management</p> 	<p>The ICCM was founded in 1913 and since then has provided policy and best practice guidance to Burial and Cremation authorities.</p> <p>The ICCM is a provider of accredited education and training opportunities for those persons working within the service, its Professional members.</p> <p>The aim of the ICCM is to raise standards for the bereaved through the promotion of its training programmes.</p>
<p><b>ICF</b></p>	<p>International Cremation Federation</p> 	<p>Founded in London in 1937 the International Cremation Federation is an international non-profit organisation linking national groups and promoting the practice of cremation to the highest standard.</p>
<p><b>IoCF</b></p>	<p>Institute of Civil Funerals</p> 	<p>The Institute was established in 2004 to drive up the quality of funeral ceremonies in the UK. Its aims are to further the provision of Civil Funerals and support the work of Civil Funeral Celebrants.</p>
<p><b>LAFD</b></p>	<p>London Association of Funeral Directors</p> 	<p>The London Association of Funeral Directors (“LAFD”) is an area association of the National Association of Funeral Directors (“NAFD”), the largest trade association in the UK for the funeral profession representing over 80% of all funeral directors in the country.</p>
<p><b>LULLABY TRUST</b></p>	<p>Foundation for the Study of Sudden Infant Deaths</p> 	<p>The Lullaby Trust provides specialist support for bereaved families, promotes expert advice on safer baby sleep and raises awareness on sudden infant death.</p>



<p><b>MAB</b></p>	<p>Memorial Awareness Board</p> 	<p>The Memorial Awareness Board (MAB) is a campaigning organisation that promotes memorialisation in stone on behalf of memorial masons.</p> <p>The MAB informs the national, local and trade press as well as radio/tv on memorialisation issues. It is also a resource for the bereavement care industry. The issues surrounding death and memorialisation form an important national debate. These issues include the availability of grave spaces, the state of our cemeteries, environmental issues and the cost of funerals.</p> <p>MAB is there for the public as a source of information, to inform the media and to represent memorial masons.</p>
<p><b>NACO</b></p>	<p>The Co-operative trade union</p> 	<p>NACO was established as The National Association of Co-operative Officials in 1917. Today NACO is a trade union and an affiliate of the TUC; and a professional management association, representing management and professionals in the co-operative movement.</p>
<p><b>NAFD</b></p>	<p>National Association of Funeral Directors</p> 	<p>Established in 1905, the National Association of Funeral Directors represents more than 3,700 UK funeral homes nationwide, UK and overseas suppliers to the profession and overseas funeral firms.</p> <p>Its role is to provide support and guidance to funeral firms and the bereaved families in their care.</p>
<p><b>NAMM</b></p>	<p>National Association of Memorial Masons</p> 	<p>Since its creation and subsequent incorporation The National Association of Memorial Masons aims to promote the craft of memorial masonry through the development of the various codes devised by the association.</p> <p><b>Mission Statement</b></p> <p>To further the memorial masonry industry and safeguard the interests of the bereaved through the promotion of high standards, wide choice and increased understanding in all matters relating to natural stone memorials. To give assistance and support to member companies and to promote their interests.</p>

<p><b>NAPFP</b></p>	<p>National Association For Pre-paid Funeral Plans</p> 	<p>The National Association for Pre-paid Funeral Plans was established in 1993 by funeral plan companies related to the National Association of Funeral Directors.</p> <p>The Association represents the majority of funeral plan companies in the UK.</p>
<p><b>NDC</b></p>	<p>The Natural Death Centre</p> 	<p>Established in 1991, The Natural Death Centre is a social, entrepreneurial, educational charity that gives free, impartial advice on all aspects of dying, bereavement and consumer rights.</p>
<p><b>NFCF</b></p>	<p>National Federation of Cemetery Friends</p> 	<p>The Federation was set up in 1986 and now has over 80 Friends Members throughout the UK caring for cemeteries and churchyards and organisations and individuals with complementary interests as Associates. It is represented on the government’s Burial and Cremation Advisory Group (BCAG) and has contributed to research on cemetery management and burial legislation.</p> <p>The Cemetery Friends give their time clearing and maintaining areas, often working with local ecology groups to maintain a balance between wildlife and heritage.</p>
<p><b>NSS</b></p>	<p>National Secular Society</p> 	<p>The National Secular Society works towards a society in which all citizens, regardless of religious belief, or lack of religious belief, can live together fairly and cohesively. It campaigns for a secular democracy with a separation of religion and state, where individual Human Rights are respected equally.</p>
<p><b>SSAFA</b></p>	<p>Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association</p> 	<p>Armed Forces (both Regular and Reserves), veterans and their families depend on SSAFA for support now and for the rest of their lives. SSAFA focuses on being committed, practical and understanding.</p>

<p><b>SAIF</b></p>	<p>Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors</p> 	<p>SAIF was established in 1989 and represents more than 870 privately owned, independent funeral homes across the UK.</p> <p>They work within the profession to promote best practice and protect the interests of members and their local communities.</p> <p>Along with representing the views of members at a national and local level SAIF also provides training and education programmes to ensure they continue to meet the highest of standards.</p>
<p><b>SANDS</b></p>	<p>Still-Birth and Neonatal Death Society</p> 	<p>Sands is the stillbirth and neonatal death charity. It operates throughout the UK, supporting anyone affected by the death of a baby, working to improve the care bereaved parents receive, and promoting research to reduce the loss of babies' lives.</p>