



A monthly review of news and events from within the bereavement sector



We were delighted to welcome so many of you to this year's CBCE at the Hilton Ageas Bowl, in Southampton. I hope you will all agree, it was a really successful event and we have certainly received some excellent feedback. Thank you again to the sponsors and exhibitors - we are grateful for your ongoing support - and our thanks to all our speakers for giving their time. The content covered will have sparked lively debate and no doubt ongoing dialogue. We will be publishing the papers in *Pharos International*, so if you don't already subscribe, please consider doing so. You can find details **on our website**.

We will be announcing details for CBCE 2023 in the near future so watch this space!

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**Executive Officer & Secretary to The Cremation Society**



**CBCE 2022 - Thank you to all those who attended!**





## CREMATORIA NEWS

The leader of **BCP Council** has said the authority is “committed” to bringing back a cremator to **Poole Crematorium** after almost 3,000 people signed a petition over the issue. The site at Broadstone is not getting a new cremator in the first £500,000 phase of an upgrade, however, BCP Council says options for installing one will be included when phase two of the works is discussed in September. BCP Council leader Cllr Drew Mellor said in a statement: "As part of Phase Two of the Bereavement Services Business Plan, options for the future facilities at Poole Crematorium will be considered by cabinet in September. We appreciate the importance our residents place on the right time, place and space to grieve during times of bereavement. This is exactly why we continue with the much-needed improvements to Poole’s crematorium and why we continue to make sure Bournemouth Crematorium remains a welcoming location for services and cremations." For more on this story, please visit the [Bournemouth Echo article](#).

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Further improvements to **City of Lincoln Council’s Lincoln Crematorium** are scheduled to begin from July 4. Contractors Lindum will install new flat roofing to the main building, which is expected to take around eight weeks to complete. These works follow on from £2.5 million refurbishment works which began in April 2021, and included a second chapel built, which doubles the crematorium’s capacity, enabling more tailored services of varying sizes to be offered on site. Cllr Bob Bushell, Portfolio Holder for Remarkable Place at City of Lincoln Council said: “We have invested significantly into Lincoln Crematorium over the last few years, and this will be the final element of physical works needed to improve the site. In doing so, we are future-proofing the facility, preparing for an increase in demand as both the city and its surrounding villages continue to expand." For more on this work, please read the [Lincolnite article](#).

## NEWS REVIEW

### CREMATORIA NEWS

Work is progressing on a new multi-million pound crematorium in the Bradford district. The steel frame of the building at the new **Heaton Crematorium** is underway. Plans for the facility were approved by **Bradford Council's** Regulatory and Appeals Committee in 2020. The new site will replace the existing Nab Wood Crematorium. Bradford Council said the majority of the groundworks at the Long Lane site have been completed and the building is set to be handed over by the construction company in spring next year. The scheme forms part of a major shake-up of the Bradford district's bereavement services. For more on this development, please read the [Telegraph and Argus article](#).

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**Great Glen Crematorium** has installed three beehives on its 30-acre site to pollinate plants and flowers and boost the local ecosystem, each of the hives can accommodate up to 60,000 bees. Great Glen Crematorium is part of **Westerleigh Group**, the UK's largest independent owner and operator of crematoria and cemeteries, with 37 sites in England, Scotland and Wales. Site Manager Harvey Watson said: "We've had a very positive reaction from people who have visited our site; they seem to love the idea and have really welcomed the bees. It's a great way to put ecology on the map, provide the bees with a nice home, and for them to help local flora and fauna." Great Glen's bees join a host of birds, rabbits and even deer frequently seen at the crematorium, and Harvey and his team are hoping they will thrive there for years to come.





## CREMATORIA NEWS

A hearing will take place in July to decide whether a crematorium will be built near **Caersws**. Last August, plans by **Powys Crematorium Limited** to build an all-new crematorium as well as a garden of remembrance between Caersws and Aberhafesp were called in to be decided in Cardiff by a government minister. It had been expected that a planning inspector would make a decision after arguments for and against the scheme were submitted in writing. But now a hearing will take place where a planning inspector will test the evidence submitted with the application. The inspector will then provide advice and a recommendation to the Welsh Government minister for climate change, Julie James MS, who will make the ultimate decision. Anyone who wishes to observe the Virtual Hearing in July should e-mail [PEDW.casework@gov.wales](mailto:PEDW.casework@gov.wales) and quote reference APP/T6850/V/21/3281704 and clearly state they wish to observe the event. For more on this story, please visit the [Shropshire Star article](#).

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The company behind plans to build a 'more discreet crematorium' in Hooton, **Hooton Paddocks**, has submitted improved plans following feedback from local residents. In January, it emerged that a second, smaller proposal for an "alternative, more discreet location for a crematorium" was in the pipeline. This followed a controversial proposal which was lodged with Cheshire West and Chester Council by Scottish consortium Horizon Cremation to build a crematorium on land off Hooton Road in August last year. Richard Evans, one of two local brothers behind Hooton Paddocks, confirmed that they were happy to make the changes, saying: "We understand the importance of creating a tranquil, private place for funerals which is why we chose School Lane. We want our plans to have minimal impact on our neighbours so we were very happy to act on their suggestions. We understand that residents will need further time to consider the new plans and we look forward to hearing their views." For more on this proposed development, visit the [Cheshire Live website](#).

## GOVERNMENT NEWS

The **Ministry of Justice** has provided an update on changes to the **cremation regulations** which have been amended to align with Section 4 of the Coroners and Justice Act (CJA) 2009, which has been amended by Section 39 of the Justice Review and Courts Act 2022. These changes come into effect on 28 June 2022.

Regulation 18 of the Cremation (England and Wales) Regulation 2008 has been amended to allow a coroner to discontinue an investigation where the cause of death is natural, has not occurred in custody or other state detention and the cause of death has become clear by means other than a post-mortem examination.

In order to prevent the commissioning of unnecessary post-mortems, form Cremation 6 has been amended to include an option to allow the coroner to indicate where an investigation has been discontinued prior to post-mortem to ensure they are still able to issue form Cremation 6. The new form contains minor textual amendments to Part 2 of the form as part of this work. For information

The new form Cremation 6 will be available to use from 28 June and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/cremation-forms-and-guidance>.

The link to the Statutory Instrument, The Cremation (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 can be found at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/611/contents/made>

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## NATIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER NEWS

Dr Alan Fletcher, **National Medical Examiner**, has published his latest National Medical Examiner update. In the latest update, which [you can read here](#), Dr Fletcher covers news on:

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- Second annual medical examiner conference
- Good Practice Series – mental health and eating disorders
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