



The Cremation Society

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



ANNUAL CREMATORIA SURVEY

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NATIONAL CREMATION STATISTICS 2021

Name of Crematorium: _____ Number: _____

NUMBER OF CREMATIONS

The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register as at 31st December 2021 (a) _____

The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register as at 31st December 2020 (b) _____

TOTAL CREMATIONS for the year 2021 [(a) - (b)] _____

How many of the total cremations for 2021 were unattended (direct) cremations?
 (That is no mourners, no service and the body brought straight to the crematorium for disposal)
 If none, please indicate whether not offered (NVO) or not recorded (NVR) _____

DISPOSAL OF CREMATED REMAINS FOR THE YEAR 2021
 (Please do not include NRV figures)

1. Scattered in the grounds of this crematorium _____

2. Interred in the grounds of this crematorium _____

3. Placed above ground at this crematorium _____

4. Removed from this crematorium _____

5. No collectable remains obtained _____

6. Awaiting instructions for disposal _____

TOTAL (Should agree with above) _____

OTHER CREMATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2021
 (Not to be included in the above figures)

1. The number of individual fetal cremations that you carried out at your crematorium during the year ended 31 December 2021 _____

2. The number of shared coffins containing fetal remains that were cremated at your crematorium during the year ended 31 December 2021 _____

3. The total number of individual fetuses (if known) that were contained within the shared cremations (Question 2) that you carried out at your crematorium in the year ended 31 December 2021 _____

This is essential for us to be able to accurately record the number of fetal remains cremated each year and to compare this figure with the total fetal losses occurring in the UK during the same period.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name and position of Signatory (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE): _____

Email address and telephone number in case of any queries: _____

We would like to thank those crematoria who have kindly taken the time to complete the annual survey forms. We have had a really good response so far, however if you are yet to return your form then please do email or post this back to us as soon as possible to enable us to collate and publish this information as soon as possible.

Wendy Buchan
Executive Officer & Secretary to
The Cremation Society

SECTOR NEWS



CBCE 2022

Return and Reset. Exploring post-COVID changes in the cremation and burial sector

We will be meeting again in-person for this year's CBCE and we would love you to join us! This year's event will be held at **Hilton at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton** from **Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd June 2022**.

Whilst the cremation and burial sector faced many challenges raised by the COVID-19 pandemic, significant changes impacting the sector were already simmering away in the background, and these issues have not gone away. CBCE 2022 will bring together inspirational and relevant speakers to discuss some of the key developments that the sector will have to contend with, in the short to medium term.

CBCE 2022 provides the ideal opportunity to not only reflect on some of the experiences during the pandemic but also to tackle the many changes and challenges that have been developing in the background.

To register for this year's event - visit the [CBCE website](#) and book online. For any queries please contact the CBCE Administration Team at info@cbce.org.uk or call on 01543 439714.

For sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities, please find more details on the [CBCE website](#).

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JOINT BEREAVEMENT SERVICES SEMINAR



Booking is still open! The Seminar will take place at the Stratford Manor Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon on Wednesday 30th March - 9:15am - 4:20am.

As the environmental agenda increasingly impacts society, how should the bereavement sector respond? What is the future for burial and cremation? Where are we with new and existing technologies to provide greener means of disposal? What changes are likely to environmental legislation?

A not to be missed event for all involved in bereavement services in the UK.

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[Visit the booking page for the full programme and to book tickets now.](#)





NEWS REVIEW

CREMATORIA NEWS

Construction has begun on **West Herts Crematorium**. A ground-breaking ceremony, held at the new site on Tuesday 1 March, was attended by members of the **West Herts Crematorium Joint Committee** and Council leaders, all representing the five local authorities involved in delivering the project. This new facility will be a sister-site to the current West Herts Crematorium in Garston, Watford and is being developed to provide additional capacity in the West Hertfordshire region. Construction is expected to be completed by Feb/March 2023. For more details on this story please visit [Watford Borough Council](#).

An official naming ceremony has been held at a new crematorium near **Thirsk**. The multi-million-pound, **Hambleton District Council**-led development which has been named Maple Park in memory of the members of the Royal Canadian Airforce who lost their lives in the area during WW2, is now complete, and will open for ceremonies in March. The 22-acre site which features a revolutionary electric cremator to reduce emissions, is close to both the A1 and A19 and includes a service hall to accommodate approximately 120 mourners plus additional room for standing. The site also features 98 maple trees, planted to commemorate the bombers lost in operations flown from nearby RAF Skipton-on-Swale. To read the full article please visit the [York Mix](#).

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A retired businessman has launched a petition urging **BCP Council** to install a working cremator at **Poole Crematorium**. The local authority is spending £559,000 refurbishing the facility at Gravel Hill, but the phase one refurbishments do not include a cremator.

Bodies are currently transported across to Bournemouth Crematorium after the funeral service. Tony Reeves, who lives in Broadstone, said he believes families want their loved ones cremated at the same place where the committal occurs. Phase one of work at Poole Crematorium is due to start this month and will see the Gravel Hill site closed to services for 22 weeks. The council has not yet made a decision on whether an investment in a new cremator will be included in phase two of the project. This is likely to be discussed by councillors later this year. For more details on this story please visit the [Daily Echo](#).

Horizon Ceremonies' plans for a new crematorium in **Hooton** were delayed this week after the proposal was removed from the agenda at a meeting of **Cheshire West and Chester Council's** Planning Committee. In response to the removal of the proposal, Cheshire West and Chester Council said "The application was withdrawn from the planning committee agenda after the Council became aware of submission of a separate planning application for another crematorium development on land nearby. We have withdrawn the original application because there is not enough time for it to be considered. It may be several weeks before that application is processed and available to view online." For more details on this story please visit [Chester Standard](#).

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A further £800,000 will be spent on making **Yeovil Crematorium**, Somerset, fit for purpose for at least the next 25 years. The original decision to refurbish and upgrade the facility was taken back in June 2017, with the council intending to construct a new chapel, waiting room, a smaller secondary chapel and improved parking facilities, as well as replacing the existing cremators. By March 2020, one of the two replacement cremators had been installed, but the installer went into liquidation, and the new cremator installed had “mercury abatement issues”. The contract for the main construction element was not ultimately taken forward due to “operational pressures” during the first coronavirus lockdown. The funding proposals will come before the full council for final approval as part of its annual budget-setting meeting on February 28. To read the full article please visit [Chard and Ilminster News](#).

An Angus farmer is appealing the decision to block his bid for a crematorium in the countryside north of **Dundee**. A delegated refusal for the proposal on land near Murroes followed a 16-month fight by locals against Frioekheim family firm **FM&G Batchelor**’s scheme for the site north of Duntrune House. Planners rejected it because they said it breached local and national policy. Farmer Guthrie Batchelor will now see his bid go before councillors in an attempt to overturn the officials’ refusal. Lawyers for applicant Duntrune Ltd say the refusal decision should be overturned because it meets development plan policies. There were more than 750 letters of objection submitted to the council. But Mr Batchelor says many were in a standard form generated by a “targeted and concerted campaign” of opposition. For more information please visit [The Courier](#)

BEREAVEMENT NEWS

A new bereavement support service launches in Edinburgh

Times are extremely hard for many now, especially those who have lost someone during the last two years. The mental health of the bereaved has particularly suffered during these uncertain times, so a not-for-profit funeral director has launched **Caledonia Funeral Aid** which aims to provide an extra support system for recently bereaved people in Edinburgh. Caledonia Funeral Aid is an extension of the work of Caledonia Cremation – a social enterprise funeral directors set up to fight funeral poverty by offering not-for-profit cremations. Since their inception in 2018, they have been supporting Scots facing the additional stress of not being able to afford a funeral. During that time, the social enterprise found the support required wasn't just financial, but practical and emotional too. So, they have extended their offer by launching Caledonia Funeral Aid.

Co-founder John Halliday explains more: "We have learnt that just providing a not-for-profit funeral wasn't enough – people needed more. By setting up Caledonia Funeral Aid – we will provide full emotional and practical support to the recently bereaved. We will provide a trained coach and funeral support worker to help Edinburgh residents who have experienced a bereavement in the past 6 months. This support will focus on their emotional needs. We will deeply listen to their needs and give them a safe and trusted place in which to discuss their loss and the impact on their lives. We are delighted to launch this initially in Edinburgh, thanks to funding from Edinburgh Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. However, our aim is to launch this nationwide very shortly."

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