



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



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We are delighted and grateful to report that we have now heard from every single crematorium in the UK (and Channel Islands) with their cremation statistics. We are in the process of preparing these ready for publication on our website and our upcoming dedicated statistics issue of Pharos International. We are grateful to all of you who spent the time completing the forms, which provides essential information to the sector and beyond.

If you have any feedback on how we can improve the process to make it easier for this information to be collected from you, please do let us know.

Once again, thank you to all those working in the funeral and bereavement sector for your ongoing hard work at this unprecedented time.

CBCE 2020 - UPDATE

We hope you will have received our separate mailing update, informing you of the joint decision made with the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities, to cancel this year's CBCE.

We will be sorry not to see many of you at CBCE this year but we are pleased to announce the dates for next year's CBCE, which will still be held at the Hilton Ageas Bowl, Southampton. Please visit the [CBCE website](#), for more details.

SAVE THE DATES

Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd June 2021

See you there!



Federation and Cremation Society

Joint Conference



COVID-19 - UPDATE

Deceased Management Advisory Group

We continue to work with fellow organisations in representing the sector in regular discussions with the Cabinet office, various UK Government departments and devolved Governments.

If you do not already follow [The Cremation Society](#) or [DMAG](#) on Twitter, please do and you will receive all updates, as they happen. You can also find regular news updates on the [dedicated COVID-19 page of our website](#).

Amongst other guidance, the most recent Government updated guidance includes:

- **Public Health England** - updates its [guidance for managing a funeral during the coronavirus pandemic](#) (18.05.2020)
- **Scottish Government** - updates its ['Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for funeral directors'](#) (13.05.2020)
- **Public Health England** - updates its ['Guidance for care of the deceased with suspected or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\)'](#) (12.05.2020)
- **Welsh Government** - updates its [guidance to local authorities on the impact of the Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 on funerals](#) (05.05.2020)

You can also find two very interesting articles written by Cremation Society Council members, Professor Heather Conway and Debbie Kerslake on the [DMAG website](#).



NEWS REVIEW

CREMATORIA NEWS

A planning application submitted by **Dignity** to **North Lanarkshire Council**, for the development of a new crematorium at **Coatbridge**, has been approved. The new crematorium will be sited on land adjacent to Drumpellier Country Park, Gartcosh Road. Full details of the approved application can be found on the **North Lanarkshire Council planning website** under reference 19/00538/FUL.

An appeal by developers to build a crematorium between **Haddington** and **Thurlby** has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. **South Lincolnshire Estates** submitted plans with **Lincolnshire Co-op** for a new facility on land west of Haddington Lane near Thurlby. Plans were submitted to North Kesteven District Council in November 2018 and refused in March 2019. An appeal was lodged but the Inspectorate has now dismissed the appeal and ruled out the development. The Inspectorate found that it would interrupt the character and continuity of the countryside and a site elsewhere would be better suited, especially if closer to residents and sustainable methods of transport. For more information on this development, please read **The Lincolnite article**.

Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium is launching a new initiative that will see the facility plant a tree on behalf of every family and every funeral service they undertake this year. The scheme will see them plant in excess of 800 native and rare species trees on behalf of families for the remainder of this year, working in partnership with EADHA, the Lochwinnoch-based social enterprise in woodland creation and sustainability. The cost of the trees, the planting, and the on-going care will be covered by the crematorium at no extra cost to families. Jeremy Hamilton of Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium commented: "We feel that it's a simple idea but one with a lot of meaning – it's about legacy and connecting the local people, families and communities that we help with the landscape that we all share." For more on this story, please read the **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald article**.

CREMATORIA NEWS

A report to **Boston Borough Council** has reported that the crematorium's plant 'is liable to fail without warning leaving the service unable to deal with cremations booked into the system'. In his report, Christian Allen, Head of Environmental Operations, states that 'the current condition of the two cremators and associated abatement plant are such that the plant is unreliable and temperamental in operation posing significant risks to the Council's operations. A legacy of poor quality, poorly executed repairs and maintenance, provided by contractors ATI, has encumbered the Council with cremators that are unreliable and temperamental.' For more on the report, please read the [Boston Standard article](#).

Birches Crematorium and Remembrance Park has now opened in Lach Dennis and is offering digital services to families who have lost loved ones. Angela Dunn, general manager at Birches, said: "Losing a loved one is sad and difficult enough, but especially so during the coronavirus lockdown. We're accommodating families in a respectful way so that they can say goodbye to their relatives with dignity, but also ensuring they are protected". For more details, please read the [Northwich Guardian website](#).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The **Cremation Association of North America** has announced that its 102nd Annual Convention and Trade Show will be held **online**. CANA is responding to social distancing restrictions by reimagining the Annual Cremation Innovation Convention and Tradeshow for an online platform. You can view a Youtube advertisement for [CANA's virtual convention here](#).

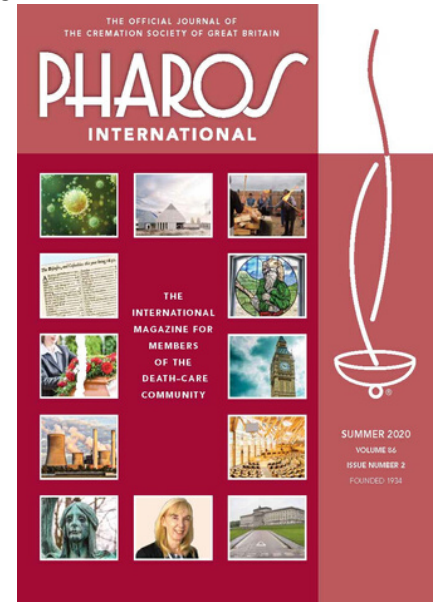


CREMATION SOCIETY NEWS

We are delighted to report that despite all the circumstances and due to the hard work of our sub-editor, Julie Forrest, we are still able to bring you the summer issue of **Pharos International**. This is in the process of being posted to our current subscribers.

In this issue, we include:-

- CBCE 2019 - Speaker Presentation - Terry Tennens 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly'
- 'Mercury Measurements in Crematoria' - article by Svend-Jork Sololewseki
- 'Coronavirus is exposing our failure to manage the logistics of death' - article by Dr John Troyer
- Government and international news



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