



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



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The list contains a live link to each crematorium's own website.

**You can find the list at
<https://www.cremation.org.uk/list-of-crematoria-by-year-of-opening>**

It was good to see many colleagues from across the funeral sector at last week's **APPG for Funerals and Bereavement** meeting.

The issues raised with the Law Commission during the meeting clearly cause distress to bereaved families on a daily basis and we look forward to the Law Commission's project which we hope will clarify some of the grey areas that cause so many problems. You can find more details on how you can input to the project on page 7.

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Cremation and Burial Communication and Education 2023

CBCE 2023 will take place from Monday 26th June to
Wednesday 28th June 2023.

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CREMATORIA NEWS

A new high capacity modern crematorium and two 200-seater chapels have been approved for **Roselawn Crematorium** in Castlereagh. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council's (LCCC) planning committee signed off on the new build, which will replace the existing over capacity crematorium to allow for 4,500 cremations a year. The application by Belfast City Council was estimated to cost £18m in 2021, though the cost is due to be reviewed under current inflation rises with an expected completion date in 2024. Planning committee UUP councillor, **Alex Swan** said: "The new crematorium should do much to alleviate the present shortage of cremation services in the province. The new build will take some pressure off from Roselawn, which was originally designed to provide 700 services a year, but has had to manage with up to 3,500 annually." The two new ceremony rooms will each overlook a landscaped courtyard. Each will have their own waiting room and generous toilet facilities, including a Changing Places toilet facility. There will also be new dedicated access from Ballygowan Road. Following the approval, a LCCC spokesperson added: "This was a complex application, involving the assessment of significant environmental information. Working in partnership with our colleagues in Belfast City Council, we are pleased that the decision-making process was concluded in 10 months." For more information, please visit the: [Belfast Telegraph's website.](#)

Grantham Crematorium will close its main building and chapel from Friday, June 9th at 1.30pm, and reopen on Monday, June 19th. The chapel will be closed for a complete refurbishment, including new flooring, redecoration, new lighting, and new soft furnishings. The rest of the building will also undergo a facelift, with redecoration and restoration work both inside and out. **Andrew Pughe-Jones**, business leader at Grantham Crematorium, said: "We understand how important it is to provide a peaceful and comforting environment for families during what is undoubtedly a very difficult time, and this refurbishment will enable us to do so. During the refurbishment period, our crematorium and cemetery grounds will remain open for families to visit their loved ones' graves and memorials. Anyone with any questions or concerns can contact us at Andrew.Pughe-Jones@dignityuk.co.uk." Services won't be held at the crematorium during the refurbishment works, but the office, cemetery and crematorium grounds will remain open for visitors during the normal opening hours of Monday to Friday, 8.30am until 5pm. For more on this story, please visit the: [Grantham Journal website.](#)

NEWS REVIEW



CREMATORIA NEWS

Work to upgrade **Greenock Crematorium** will not be fully completed until the final quarter of this year, according to a new council report. A project to install two new cremators, a new electricity supply and extend and adapt the existing building got underway in November of last year, but it has been hit with delays. In a report to the council's environment and regeneration committee, officers have stated that one cremator at the site has now been dismantled and removed, with the installation and operation of the new cremators expected to take place during the second and third quarters of this year. The final completion of the project is slated for the fourth quarter of this year. **Inverclyde Council** officers previously reported that the works had been impacted by the discovery of an uncharted gas main, which has now been diverted to the relevant statutory authority. The work has also been hit by a further delay due to the condition of an existing sub-floor, which has necessitated the installation of temporary props to allow the extension substructure works to take place. To read the full article, please visit the: [Greenock Telegraph's website.](#)

Plans emerge for third **Angus crematorium** on farmland near Arbroath. **Myreside Farms** have lodged the submission for ground beside the cross-country B961 near Carmyllie Hall. The family-run operation say they hope to create an asset for Angus on an "ideally located" site. The newly-lodged bid follows Angus councillors' approval of another farmer's plan for a new facility at Duntrune, just north of Dundee. Farmer **Neil McEwan's** submission says it ticks all the boxes. "Our modern design will sit well within the Angus countryside, ideally located and easily accessed from all of Angus and Dundee," says the firm's planning statement, also stating that: "Our proposed site will offer the ability to walk to the venue, cycle and gain access via public transport ensuring that eco-friendly travel is possible. A crematorium ideally should have a calm and peaceful atmosphere and we strongly believe that being set within nature plays a huge part in this. This is one of the reasons we are convinced that this is the best setting for the proposal." The applicants say they are confident the project would bring economic benefits during construction and for local premises such as cafes and halls hosting funeral wakes. Consultation on the proposal is now open. To read the full article, please visit: [The Courier's website.](#)

Salisbury Crematorium Chapel, on Barrington Road, will be shut during July and August. This is so that Salisbury City Council can replace its roof, which it says is in need of "essential repairs". While the repairs are carried out, the roof's insulation will be improved to help lower the building's environmental impact. Cremations will continue on site as normal, but services will be moved to the **Holy Redeemer Church, Fotherby Crescent**, for the duration of the works. This comes after the council declared a 'Climate Change Emergency' in 2019 with one of its commitments being to improve the insulation of all council-owned property. A spokesperson for Salisbury City Council said: "The Council is pleased to announce that our programme of work continues this summer with the replacement of the roof at Salisbury Crematorium which is in need of essential repairs." For the full article, please visit the: [Salisbury Journal's website](#)

A recent public consultation event for a proposed new crematorium for **Aberdeenshire** at Mains of Glack near Daviot has showcased a new facility with a very distinctive view. A Proposal of Application Notice was submitted to Aberdeenshire Council in April 2023 with comments being taken on the proposal through till June, when a further public event will be held. **McWilliam Lippe Architects** on behalf of **Fraser Milne** have presented proposals for a new crematorium, access, parking and landscaping at Mains of Glack, Daviot on a site adjacent to Stewart Trailers facility. Architectural images for the proposal show it taking advantage of the view of **Bennachie** and an unbroken and direct linear route has therefore been formed from car park to chapel to emphasise this. The building is 'wedge' shaped, with the projecting entrance arms at the lower end guiding a visitor down the pedestrian path from the car park before arriving at the main entrance. The entrance hall, and the chapel are deliberately longer and narrower than they are square, to continue this emphasis through and towards the rear of the building. The chapel space then features a sloping ceiling with large rear glazing looking directly towards Bennachie. To read the full article, please visit the: [Grampian Online website](#)

The new **Antrim and Newtownabbey Crematorium and Memorial Garden** is set to open this summer. Before then, the borough council has announced it is holding a public open day on Saturday, June 3rd. The event runs from 10am to 2pm, with no need to pre-register. The new crematorium is located just off the A8 from Sandyknowes Roundabout (M2) to Larne, directly opposite Ballyearl Arts and Leisure Centre on the Doagh Road, Newtownabbey. When it opens, the crematorium will operate Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm, offering a 45-minute service hourly from 10am to 3pm. According to the council's website, the Ceremony Room can accommodate 164 people. The waiting room has the ability to double up as an overflow to the Ceremony Room and has a tribute screen and speakers. All faiths are welcome to use the crematorium and services can be religious or secular. There are no burial grounds at the crematorium but there will be the ability to lay cremated remains to rest. The council stated that: "There will be a Memorial Garden designed for quiet thought and reflection. Great comfort can be found in choosing a memorial for your loved ones and we will offer a Sanctum Panorama and elegant Sanctum Family Vaults where your loved one's cremated remains can rest peacefully." There will be 107 parking spaces on site, with 94 standard spaces, including 13 accessible spaces. There will be 4 EV charging points, and two of these are in accessible spaces. For the full article, please visit the: [News Letter website](#).



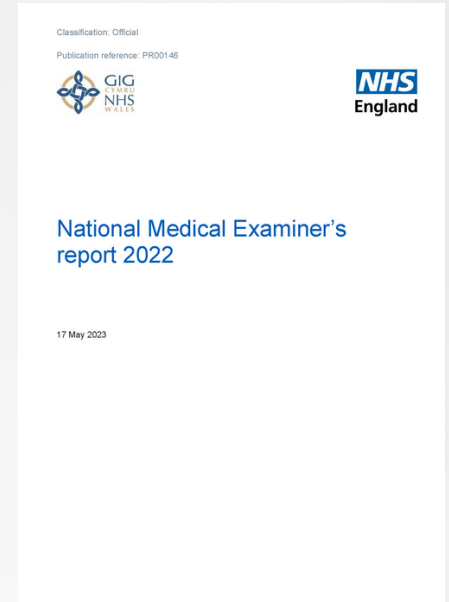
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NATIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

The National Medical Examiner, **Dr Alan Fletcher**, has published his annual report for 2022. You can find it here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-medical-examiner-reports/>



ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR FUNERALS AND BEREAVEMENT

The latest **APPG for Funerals and Bereavement** meeting took place on 24 May 2023 at Westminster. Representatives from the Law Commission attended the meeting to hear submissions from colleagues from across the funeral sector, detailing the issues that colleagues would like the Law Commission to look at as part of their project reviewing the law relating to burial, cremation and other funerary methods. Many areas were covered including the issue around the entitlement to ashes, the enforcement of individuals' funeral wishes, the issue of unclaimed ashes and the re-use of graves.

It is still possible to feed into the scoping phase of the project by emailing the Law Commission on dod@lawcommission.gov.uk



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