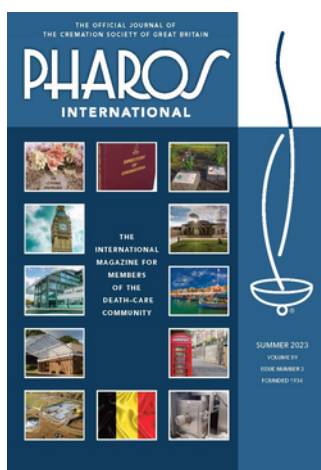




A monthly review of news and events from within the bereavement sector



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We are delighted that so many of you have already booked your delegate place for this year's CBCE. Thank you to all those companies and organisations who have already booked their exhibitor stands or taken out sponsorship opportunities. We have a fantastic programme of speakers and we look forward to welcoming you to this year's event. Please visit the [\*\*CBCE website\*\*](#) for full details and to book your place.

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**Executive Officer & Secretary to**  
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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.

**Booking is now open!**

Details of this year's programme of speakers can be found on  
the CBCE website

To book your place, please visit the CBCE website:  
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### CREMATORIA NEWS

**Tapper Funeral Service** has submitted an application to expand the offering at its **Harbour View** site near Lytchett Minster. If approved, a new columbarium, chapels of rest and a reflecting pool would be built along with offices and a showroom. **Steven Tapper**, director of the firm, said that the existing buildings on the application site are “old and in a poor condition. Importantly, they would struggle to achieve modern standards for insulation and use of power, and the ecological value of the site is presently very poor. We hope to improve the conditions for both our client families and for our hard-working team with modern air-conditioned meeting rooms and high-quality private chapels of rest”. Architect **Sean Daly**, who worked on the Harbour View’s Long Barrow Crematorium, completed the designs for the proposed columbarium delivering continuity to the project. A statement submitted by Mr Tapper as part of the application said it has become challenging to sustain existing arrangements of having visitors for administration appointments between 8am and 10am before mourners start to arrive for funeral services. To read the full article, please visit: [the Daily Echo website](#).

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A new chapel will open its doors to members of the public later this month as part of a development on **Darlington Crematorium**. The chapel, which opened on Monday 24th April, is located on the grounds of Darlington’s West Cemetery on Carmel Road North and will accommodate users of any faith or religion. Also built from the project is a new car park, accessible toilets and tribute screens in the chapel that is able to seat up to 120 mourners. **Ian Thompson**, Assistant Director for community services, said: “This has been a long project to create new, modern facilities in the historic cemetery, which it was important to complete without disturbing the peace of the cemetery or interrupting services. The upgraded chapel offers more space for people attending services and up to date equipment for funeral directors.” Alongside the construction of the new chapel, a similar project was launched to refurbish the existing crematorium to include space for cremators and equipment while measures were put in place that saw other funeral services go ahead. For more details, please read [the Northern Echo article](#).

### CREMATORIA NEWS

Cremations could soon begin once again in **Berwickshire** as a new cremator is being installed at the **Houndwood facility in Eyemouth**. The project is expected to start on 1st June, with completion anticipated by late August. During the installation period, **Houndwood Crematorium** will accommodate one service a day at 11.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the crematorium will close at 12.30pm. The crematorium will also be closed on Fridays and at weekends. **Irene McCluskey**, business leader at Houndwood Crematorium and Holytown Crematorium, said: "Our priority is to provide the highest quality facilities and service standards to ensure families have a space to celebrate the life of their loved ones and a peaceful place to reflect. However, upon acquiring the crematorium in 2017, Dignity found that the previously-installed cremation equipment and filtration systems did not meet the company's standards and had to be removed as they were unreliable and potentially dangerous. We will do everything in our power to ensure that the installation work is carried out as quickly and efficiently as possible, with minimal disruption to our operations and those of our clients." For the full article, please visit: [the Southern Reporter website.](#)

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**Rushcliffe Borough Council** has opened the Midlands' 'greenest crematorium to date' that will allow a sensitive, peaceful and respectful place for a send off for loved ones. The original concept had the environment at its heart, providing peaceful surroundings and a low carbon design. Through the use of innovative technologies and renewable energy sources, the facility is operationally carbon neutral, whilst the building is served by its own solar panels and energy-efficient lighting reduces power consumption and minimises light pollution. It also includes a green sedum 'living roof', providing an additional habitat for wildlife. The authority's Director of Development and Economic Growth **Leanne Ashmore** said: "Our whole focus has been to provide a modern and peaceful setting with a connection to nature that is environmentally conscious. **Rushcliffe Oaks** offers a wide range of memorial options which have been conscientiously sourced, mainly from local suppliers and using natural materials." The crematorium will be operated and managed by the Council, with service times between the hours of 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. For more information, please visit: [the West Bridgford Wire website.](#)



## NEWS REVIEW

## COMPANY NEWS

One of the UK's most environmentally-friendly crematoriums is proud to have provided a positive presence in **Hampshire** since it opened a year ago. **New Forest Crematorium** opened its doors in **April 2022** to serve the communities in and around **New Milton, Bournemouth** and **Christchurch**. It is part of **Westerleigh Group**, the UK's largest independent owner and operator of crematoria and cemeteries. The team at New Forest Crematorium has worked hard to ensure it provides exceptional care and a positive presence within the local community. Site manager **Graeme Horobin** said: "We are proud of how we have engaged with our bereaved families and local communities in our first year. We're a welcoming place where people find comfort, not just on the day of their loved one's final farewell but at other times, to remember a loved one or just have quiet moments of reflection in a fitting and peaceful environment. We will always strive to assist families should they wish to have something a little different, in addition to accommodating those who still prefer traditional funerals. During our first year we have also installed three bee hives and produced 100 jars of honey, which we were able to treat our local funeral directors and other visitors to." New Forest Crematorium incorporates some of the most advanced technology in order to minimise its impact on the environment, making it one of the greenest and cleanest facilities of its kind in the country. This ensures that it does not only minimise pollution in the local community, it also protects existing wildlife habitats and nature of the surrounding **New Forest National Park**. For more information about the exceptional care and services provided by New Forest Crematorium, and of the community events it hosts throughout the year, visit [www.newforestcrematorium.co.uk](http://www.newforestcrematorium.co.uk)



The New Forest Crematorium Team

## NATIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER NEWS

The latest update by **Dr Alan Fletcher**, National Medical Examiner, has been published and can be read on the [NHS England website](#).

Topics covered in this update include:

- Supporting roll out in the community
- Easier sharing of GP patient records in England
- Good Practice Series - homelessness paper
- Implementation in Wales
- Chief Coroner's guidance on stillbirth
- Quarterly reporting in England
- UK Fatal Anaphylaxis Registry
- Healthcare inequalities publications
- Training and events





SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

# Crematoria and the Environment

**'Climate Emergency' declared,  
how as a crematorium operator can  
you reduce your carbon footprint?**



A 1 day event to be held at Crystal Palace  
Football Club, Selhurst Park Stadium,  
Whitehorse Lane, London SE25 6PU

As local authority and private crematoria face the need to reduce their carbon footprint, where should you begin?

A 1 day seminar aimed at cremation professionals and owners will provide delegates with a better understanding of how their service produces carbon and the practical steps which can be taken to reduce it.

Registration at 9.30am the event led by Martin Street, of Rose Project Management, commences at 10am. Further speakers will be announced shortly. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

**Numbers strictly limited**

Seminar Fees	FBCA Members free
	Non members £50 plus VAT

For registration contact [admin@fbca.org.uk](mailto:admin@fbca.org.uk) or secretary at [secretary@fbca.org.uk](mailto:secretary@fbca.org.uk)



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**PlotBox** is an international death care management solution that facilitates cemeteries and crematoria in operating to world-class standards through integrated software and georectified mapping modules.



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