

News Review



We are pleased to bring you **The Cremation Society's** news review for July.

We hope our newsletter will help you to stay informed of news and developments from across the cremation sector. You can also find The Cremation Society on [BlueSky](#).

THIS ISSUE'S NEWS UPDATES

- Jersey Crematorium services temporarily relocated.
- Appeal lodged over rejected Daviot crematorium plans.
- Planning permission sought for crematorium in Tallow.
- Council needs extra £3.5m to complete crematorium.
- Maven completes exit from Horizon Ceremonies

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Jersey Crematorium services will be temporarily relocated to ensure they can continue throughout nearby building work.

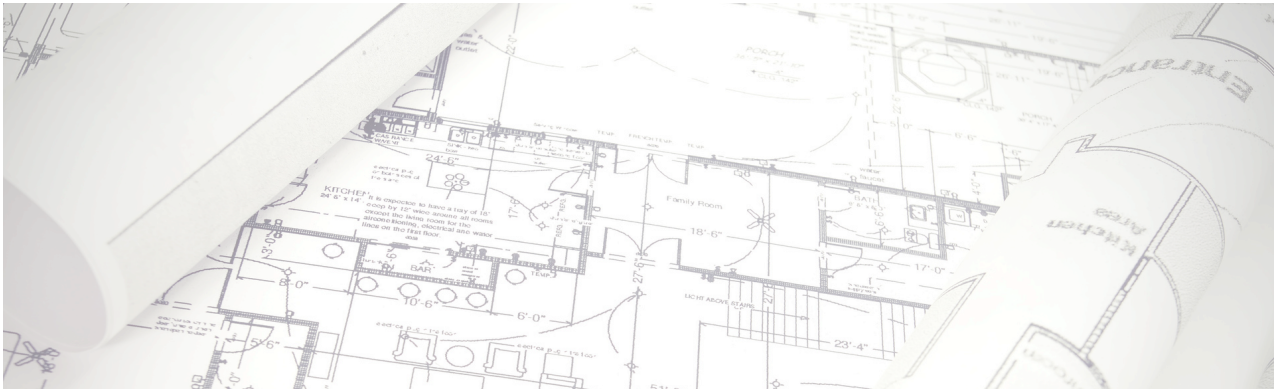
The Government of Jersey said the move could be for years, until the construction of the nearby Acute Hospital was completed. The States said multi-faith and all non-religious funeral services would be relocated from Westmount Road to the Members' Room at the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society (RJA&HS) in Trinity. Minister for Health and Social Services Deputy Tom Binet said ensuring islanders could continue to say goodbye to loved ones in a respectful and dignified environment had been a "key priority" during the hospital's planning. The government said minor works were under way at the new site in advance of the relocation to ensure services could continue with the "same dignity and functionality" as they did at the current site. The Government of Jersey also said it would continue to engage closely with stakeholders and the public throughout the relocation and transition period, and a public awareness campaign to support the relocation would begin next month. To read the full article, head to: www.bbcnews.co.uk

Appeal lodged over rejected crematorium plans.

An appeal has been lodged with the Scottish government over plans for a crematorium which were rejected by Aberdeenshire councillors. Businessman Fraser Milne lost his bid to construct the facility at Daviot near Inverurie earlier this year. A Scottish government reporter will now be assigned to the case, and is expected to make a recommendation to ministers in the coming months. Mr Milne wants to build a crematorium on a site on the Inverurie to Rothienorman road. Aberdeenshire Council's Garioch area committee agreed with planning officials' view that it should go ahead. However, the Formartine area committee voted against it and were backed by the infrastructure services committee at a later meeting. In his statement of appeal Mr Milne's solicitors said the council acted unreasonably in refusing the application without giving reasons for doing so. They argued that the council had been inconsistent when considering other applications for crematoria. Aberdeenshire Council said it would be inappropriate to comment. To read the full article, head to: www.bbcnews.co.uk

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Planning permission sought for crematorium in Tallow.

Planning permission is being sought from Waterford City & County Council for a crematorium in the Tallow area of West Waterford. The application was lodged with the local authority on July 11th by Aidan Walsh. The applicant seeks permission to extend an existing funeral home to provide a crematorium and showroom on the northern side of the building with a chapel and ancillary accommodation on the southern side of the building and all associated site works. The site in question is on the Michael J. Prendergast Road, Tallow, Waterford - and a decision is due on or before September 4th of this year. There are currently no operational crematoriums in the South East - though planning permission has been granted for a development in the Riverstown area of Tramore. To read the full article, head to: www.wlrfm.com

Council needs extra £3.5m to complete crematorium.

Bolsover District Council is set to approve proposals to borrow £3.5 million to fund the completion of building works for a new crematorium. The council initially agreed to fund the new complex - near Shirebrook's cemetery in Common Lane, Derbyshire - at an estimated cost of £9.2m in 2022. The council terminated the contract of the previous architect in 2024 due to "several significant issues" being identified. Councillors are recommended to approve borrowing an additional £3.5 million for the completion of the project. A council report said "significant costs" had been incurred throughout the project but added that work remobilised after a new architect was appointed. To read the full article, head to: www.bbcnews.co.uk

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Maven completes exit from Horizon Ceremonies.

Maven has completed the sale of Horizon Ceremonies, a leading independent crematorium developer and operator, to a major UK public sector pension fund with more than £30 billion in assets under management. The transaction has delivered a strong return for the Maven VCTs and a syndicate of Investor Partners, with initial proceeds of up to 2.5x return on cost. The sale also includes an element of deferred consideration linked to future milestones, offering further upside potential to invested Maven clients.

Maven originally invested £2.5 million in Horizon in 2017 to support the creation of modern, community-centric crematoria designed to offer a more compassionate and accessible alternative to traditional facilities. Over the course of the investment, Maven provided total funding of £7.65 million across multiple rounds to further scale operations and open new sites. Founded in 2016, Horizon has established itself as one of the UK's most respected independent crematorium operators. The business currently operates three high-quality, purpose-built facilities in Clyde Coast & Garnock Valley (CCGV), Glasgow (The Hurlet), and Cannock in the West Midlands. Two additional sites are progressing through the planning process, reflecting the business's ambition to expand its national footprint.

Horizon has also led the sector in sustainability. It was the first UK crematorium operator to publish an ESG report and has since planted over 10,000 trees, generated nearly 8,000 kWh of renewable electricity, and maintained a carbon footprint below the industry average. The successful exit underlines the long term growth potential of the UK cremation services market, increasing demand for modern facilities, and growing emphasis on sustainable practices. The transaction attracted interest from a broad range of institutional and strategic acquirers. To read the full article, head to: www.mavencp.com.

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LAW COMMISSION NEWS

The Law Commission's Consultation Paper on New Funerary Methods

The Law Commission has announced the publication of the consultation on new funerary methods, seeking views on a framework to enable future regulation of new funerary methods in England and Wales. On 4th June 2025, The Law Commission's Professor Alison Young announced: 'I am pleased to inform you that the Law Commission's Consultation Paper on New Funerary Methods has been published today. New funerary methods are potential alternatives to the established new funerary methods of burial, cremation and burial at sea. Although not currently regulated in England and Wales, some new funerary methods are available in other countries. As part of our overall project on Burial, Cremation and New Funerary Methods, the Consultation Paper examines our conception of a new funerary method, legislation governing new funerary methods in other jurisdictions, the nature and scope of future regulation and principles which could inform this. Your responses to our consultation will inform our final Report which will enable us to make recommendations to Government about a future-proof framework to enable the regulation of new funerary methods.

We are seeking views from potential operators of new funerary methods, those who are interested in using them, funeral directors, others involved in the death care sector and anyone with an interest in this area. The consultation is open until 4th September 2025.

Please see our website at:

<https://lawcom.gov.uk/project/new-funerary-methods/>.

There you will find the full Consultation Paper, along with a summary which is available in English, Welsh and easy-read. Responses can be provided using the online form that is available on the project webpage. You do not need to answer all the questions if you are only interested in some aspects of the consultation. If you need any of the documents in an alternative format, please email us at: **bcnfm@lawcommission.gov.uk.**

Ministry of Justice – Medical Examiner Update

The Ministry of Justice has provided an update on the statutory medical examiner system and ongoing review of medical referees:

Statutory Medical Examiner System

Thank you for your continued work to implement the Death Certification Reforms on 9th September 2024. Since then, the causes of over 300,000 deaths have been certified and over 250,000 bereaved families have had the opportunity to speak with a medical examiner or officer—allowing them to raise questions or concerns with a senior doctor not involved in the care of their loved one. We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support in helping to embed these vital reforms that place the bereaved at the centre of the process and help better protect the public. Thank you also to all those who have taken the time to share their experience of the new system with us. We are continuing to work across Government to find solutions to any issues arising and to ensure the death certification process is as smooth as it can be.

Medical referees

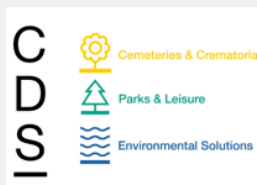
In February 2025, we informed you that we were reviewing responses to our October 2024 survey of crematorium managers and medical referees (MRs) and we reaffirmed our commitment to consult on any potential changes to the role of the MR. We also confirmed that any changes to the role of the MR would be subject to the laying of legislation. Since then, we have continued to develop our policy thinking in this area and we have conducted further engagement with stakeholders in light of some of the concerns that they have raised, particularly around hazardous implantable medical devices. This work is on-going. As a result, we are not in a position to put forward potential changes to the role of the MR at the current time. Once outstanding issues are worked through and resolved, we will let you know. We remain committed to working collaboratively with the sector to ensure a suitable lead-in time to support any change required to the role of the MR. We will provide stakeholders with at least six months' notice before any changes are implemented in this regard.

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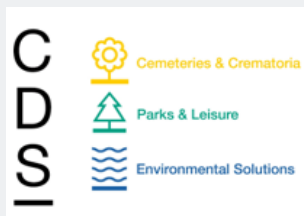
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The Columbaria Company, are specialists in the production of personalised memorial artwork and after cremation memorials.



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Facultatieve Technologies, have over 140 years of experience in the design, construction and maintenance of cremation and filtration equipment.



Fordingbridge, are designers, manufacturers, and installers of innovative canopies and walkways.



Greenbridge Designs, from individual memorials to complete garden schemes, Greenbridge produce a range of memorials that will seamlessly fit into existing schemes, as well as some that will create a stunning alternative.



IFZW, is an established manufacturer of cremator and emission filter systems.



Obitus, provide bereavement technology services, delivering music, webcast and tributes for families, funeral directors and leading funeral venues throughout the UK.



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