



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



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Much has happened since our last news review and our sector has seen an unprecedented amount of change.

We are proud to be working with a number of fellow organisations, in forming the Deceased Management Advisory Group (DMAG). Our aim is to represent the funeral sector in working together and liaising with government departments to ensure the safety of our colleagues and the ongoing provision of the best care to the deceased and the bereaved.

Please do follow DMAG on [Twitter](#) and via the [DMAG website](#) for regular updates. We also update our own website with all new guidance published and DMAG updates and these can be found on our dedicated [COVID-19 news page](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

You will be aware that there have been numerous updates and guidance published since our last news review, including the introduction of emergency legislation across the United Kingdom.

Rather than detailing every update here, we would encourage you to visit our dedicated [COVID-19 news page](#) which we hope you will find easy to navigate between:

- [Deceased Management Advisory Group \(DMAG\) updates and guidance](#)
- [Government agency & NHS updates and guidance](#)
- [Emergency legislation and guidance notes](#)
- [Other organisations updates and/or guidance](#)

Please also do [follow us on Twitter](#) as we will publish any updates as they happen.



NEWS REVIEW

CREMATORIA NEWS

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has been granted planning permission to build a new crematorium at Southway, Hatfield. You can find full details of the proposed development on the [Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council website](#), using the planning application number 6/2019/1208/MAJ.

Westerleigh Group's appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a new crematorium in Shropshire, has been rejected by a planning inspector. **Shropshire Council's** planning committee rejected the plan last year. Westerleigh Group appealed the decision but planning inspector Thomas Hatfield has rejected the appeal, saying he agreed with RAF concerns that the plan would have an adverse impact on the defence site. For more details, please read the [Shropshire Star article](#).

An application has been submitted by Mr Jonathan Crossley, to **East Lindsey District Council** for the development of a new crematorium, which will also feature a chapel, memorial garden and associated facilities, including car parking. According to the planning application, the proposed facility would 'fit in' with its surroundings and the crematorium building would be 'low rise', meaning it would only be visible from the main road. For more details, please read the [Horncastle News article](#).

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council have confirmed that the proposed crematorium at Doagh Road, **Newtownabbey**, has been progressed, during a remote meeting of Borough Council councillors. A spokesman for the Council said: "The decision was taken to progress to the procurement stage for the proposed crematorium at the Doagh Road site." A business plan will now be produced to move the development forward. You can read more on the [News Letter website](#).

CREMATORIA NEWS

Cremations will no longer take place at council-run Poole Crematorium. **Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council** said funeral services would still be held at Poole Crematorium but that from Monday 13 April, cremations would be carried out in Bournemouth. The move has been described as “a devastating blow” for the community. For more on this story, please read the [Bournemouth Echo article](#).

Work to upgrade **Stourbridge Crematorium** is to be postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak. The £2 million project, which was due to get underway this spring, is now expected to go ahead later in the year. Councillor Ian Kettle, Dudley's cabinet member responsible for bereavement services, said: “The work at Stourbridge Crematorium was due to take place in the next few weeks but given the ongoing coronavirus pandemic we are looking to push the work back to later in the year.” For more details, please read the [Hereford Times article](#).

Efford Crematorium in Plymouth which was shut after a fire on New Year's Eve is to reopen with new rules in place for mourners due to coronavirus. A statement from Plymouth City Council said: “Repairs have finished and funeral directors are being advised that the crematorium will now be available for services as well as the facility at Weston Mill.” For more details, please read the [Plymouth Live article](#).

Hambleton District Council has submitted a planning application for the development of a new crematorium to be built near Skipton on Swale, **Thirsk**. The application follows a public consultation on the proposed crematorium. You can view more details on the proposal on the [Hambleton District Council website](#).

CREMATORIA NEWS

Horizon Cremation has submitted a planning application for the development of a new crematorium to be built on land off Oxted Road, **Tandridge**. The application follows a public exhibition on the proposed crematorium. If the planning application is granted permission by Tandridge District Council, Horizon aims to have the new crematorium open in Spring 2022. You can view more details on the proposal on the [Horizon Cremation website](#).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The **Algarve**'s first crematorium has opened in Albufeira, with plans to carry out over 2,000 cremations a year. "There was a huge need for a cremation chamber in the Algarve as it was the only region in the country that did not have one yet," Paula Ganhão, managing director of Cremal which runs the crematorium, told Lusa news agency. Construction started in April 2019. The investment of over €600,000 was completely covered by Cremal, the company that will manage the crematorium for the next 30 years. For more details, please visit the [Portugal Resident website](#).



COMPANY NEWS

Resomation has announced the completion of its first study in conjunction with Yorkshire Water.

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