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Burial Authority NEWS

Autumn Update 2024

BRITISH REGISTER OF ACCREDITED MEMORIAL MASONS

Cemetery of the Year Awards 2024 - The Winners!



Parish, Town and Community Council

Winner: Blandford
Forum Cemetery

Silver Award Winners:

Syston & District
Cemetery
and
Cyngor Cymuned
Llanrug Cemetery

Small Burial Ground (upto 10,000 graves)

Winner: Bluebell
Cemetery

Silver Award Winners:

Tipton Cemetery
and
Oakhill Lawn Cemetery

Large Burial Ground (above 10,000 graves)

Winner: Thornhill Cemetery

Silver Award Winners;

Philips Park Cemetery
and
St Helens Cemetery

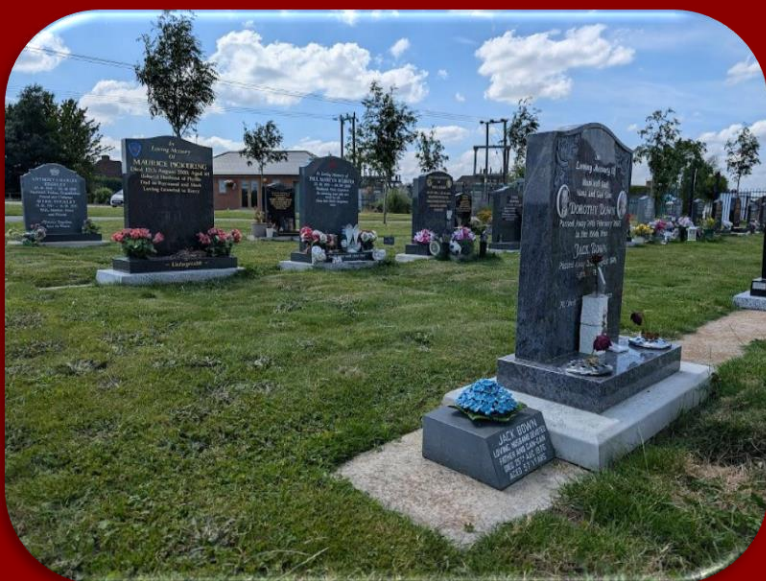


The Cemetery of the Year Awards 2024



The CYA Award for Best New Entrant: Small Cemetery (up to 10,000 graves): Oak Hill Cemetery, Hertfordshire

The CYA Award for Best New Entrant: Large Cemetery (over 10,000 graves): Colchester Cemetery, Essex.



The CYA Award for Best New Entrant: Parish, Town or Community Cemetery: Barkby Road Cemetery, Leicestershire.



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Checking the BRAMM Register – who's on and who's not?

September marks the start of the BRAMM registration year and the office has been busy processing business registration renewals.

As you may be aware, you can use the BRAMM website to check if a Memorial Mason business is registered with BRAMM, and view the current Public Liability insurance, and Health & Safety and Risk Assessment documentation. By clicking on the 'Burial Authority Information' button for each Memorial Mason business entry it shows you these documents and also the identity of the Fixers linked to each business.

Memorial Mason businesses are given until the 1st November to pay the annual fee of £150, and if it is not paid by then the BRAMM registration will lapse – so be sure to check that Memorial Masons applying for permits are still registered with BRAMM!

[Click here for our website BRAMM - The British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons \(bramm-uk.org\)](http://bramm-uk.org)

There is of course no charge to Burial Authorities to join the BRAMM scheme!



Cemetery Permit Applications

BRAMM was recently asked by several Memorial Masons to approach a Burial Authority about apparent delays in issuing cemetery permits. BRAMM was happy to assist with this and help communications between the Memorial Masons and the Authority in question. BRAMM took the opportunity to remind the Masons that managing their customers' expectations about the timescale for the fixing of memorial is an important part of customer relations, and submitting a prompt application will be helpful all round.

Why join the BRAMM scheme?



- **No charge** for Burial Authorities to join BRAMM
- Adoption of the scheme removes the administrative burden of chasing Masons for PLI certificate every year, and requesting H&S and RA documents
- BRAMM benefits from 50% representation by BA's on the Management Board
- Instances of non-compliance are investigated by BRAMM
- BRAMM has a disciplinary process for Masons
- The BRAMM Blue Book – a guide to technical, construction and safety information is freely available on the BRAMM website



The Gold Award Winner of the BRAMM Memorial Design of the Year 2024 is Walsh Memorials with this stunningly unique tribute – for which they received a prize of £1000.

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