

14<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## Crematorium Matters – Manager’s Report

### Update from Previous Minutes

#### Solar Panels

No developments – project on hold due to covid crisis.

### Achievements

The Aspen Flower Area has been completed and is available for use.

The crematorium now has 5 beehives, three of which are this year’s swarms.

### Covid Crisis Update

The crematorium has not had any cases for 4-weeks (report submitted 22.7.2020).

Government advice regarding places of worship does not relate to the crematorium but did trigger a review of risk assessments. This resulted in retention of allowing singing as it was recognized the measures and facilities were sufficient to manage the risk.

The situation is constantly monitored and previous measures will be re-instated if necessary.

The current measures are likely to remain in place for the medium term and Aspen Chapel has been shown unavailable until the next financial year.

### Metals Recycling Charity Award

A £10,000 award was made to Over & Above (Maternity Bereavement Suite) and the cheque presentation was made by Cllrs Inch and Lovering on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Clarity has been nominated for the next award (January 2021) as previously reported.

Subsequent nomination list:

**Calvert Trust**

**Over and Above (Cancer & Wellbeing Centre)**

**Families in Grief**

**North Devon Children’s Holiday Foundation**

**North Devon Hospice**

**Cruse**

**Children’s Hospice SW**

**Over and Above (North Devon Hospital – Maternity Unit Bereavement Suite)**

**Clarity**

No further additions to be considered prior to February 2022.

## Cremation Figures

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>April</b>	109	102	161	125	139	163	117	150	121	176
<b>May</b>	111	123	117	135	118	126	138	136	137	136
<b>June</b>	129	116	102	123	143	125	129	127	127	130
<b>July</b>	107	111	121	106	111	126	142	133	128	136
<b>Aug</b>	116	106	117	100	109	114	120	106	118	
<b>Sept</b>	88	104	107	122	127	121	127	106	114	
<b>Oct</b>	102	101	98	125	140	127	137	132	129	
<b>Nov</b>	116	129	96	120	108	157	135	127	115	
<b>Dec</b>	88	100	98	120	128	123	131	119	113	
<b>Jan</b>	143	159	164	142	131	158	182	169	147	
<b>Feb</b>	127	121	116	154	136	137	175	143	133	
<b>Mar</b>	132	144	127	157	151	162	164	145	143	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>1529</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>1639</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>1525</b>	

The figure for July 2020 is provisional at time of report submission and may increase very slightly.

The average delay from death to service is currently 16 days.

## Garden Improvements 2020/21

It is hoped to re-start the approved garden projects in the next few weeks as contractors resume working.

The cover for the Rowan exit will be reviewed as the long-term use of the chapel makes the works difficult unless weekend working can be secured.

## Larkbear Development – Traffic Management

The manager reported concerns regarding the traffic measures to the Policy Development Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> July. A strong view was expressed that 2-route access to the crematorium must be maintained at all times as the single-route via Gratton Way was untenable. It was suggested that a time of day restriction on any Old Torrington Road measures would minimize rush-hour traffic whilst allowing mourner and hearse access during the day. The proposed access to the link road, which is some years from fruition, would create a second route and allow a review of the Old Torrington Road route.

The small strip of land that is needed by Devon County Council for their proposed pavement widening in the vicinity of the crematorium site is available to sell or transfer to their ownership once they apply.

## Christmas/New Year

Subject to any pandemic developments it is expected to close on Christmas and New Year's Eves.