

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

## **Crematorium Matters – Manager’s Report**

### **Covid Crisis Update**

On 17<sup>th</sup> May the number of mourners permitted was increased to 50 following the removal of the legislated 30-limit and a risk assessment of the chapel.

On June 21<sup>st</sup> it is anticipated all legal & social-distancing restrictions/requirements will be lifted. To help the transition initially only Rowan Chapel will be in use.

If that is the case, seating will probably increase to 160 which retains slightly enhanced spacing. Use of on-screen hymn lyrics will be retained to reduce need for staff to touch shared items as will hand sanitizing equipment in all mourner and staff facilities. All other restrictions will be lifted. The seating capacity will be reviewed once any winter spike in Covid-19 has been considered.

### **Achievements**

An electrostatic sprayer has been deployed after each service since early March (kills viruses within 1 minute). This reduced need for staff to manually wipe surfaces and enhanced coverage.

Software enhancements for service users purchased & pending implementation:

- Public access to search for service dates/times via the internet (not private services).
- Automatic email confirmation of service bookings/changes to Funeral Directors.

A shipping container has been rented (on-site) to cover storage shortage pending re-build of garages.

### **Staffing Report**

The second temporary part-time gardener post has been in place for over 2-years which affords full employment protection rights to the current staff-member. In light of this the view of the Joint Committee is sought regarding making the post permanent.

### **Metals Recycling Charity Award**

Clarity has been awarded £10,000 (paid direct December 2020). The ‘formal cheque presentation’ has not yet taken place.

The Calvert Trust (Exmoor) has been proposed for the next award (due June 2021).

Subsequent nomination list:

**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**

## Calvert Trust

No further additions to be considered prior to February 2022.

## Cremation Figures

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
<b>April</b>	102	161	125	139	163	117	150	121	174	124
<b>May</b>	123	117	135	118	126	138	136	137	136	103
<b>June</b>	116	102	123	143	125	129	127	127	126	
<b>July</b>	111	121	106	111	126	142	133	128	136	
<b>Aug</b>	106	117	100	109	114	120	106	118	118	
<b>Sept</b>	104	107	122	127	121	127	106	114	121	
<b>Oct</b>	101	98	125	140	127	137	132	129	120	
<b>Nov</b>	129	96	120	108	157	135	127	115	149	
<b>Dec</b>	100	98	120	128	123	131	119	113	141	
<b>Jan</b>	159	164	142	131	158	182	169	147	176	
<b>Feb</b>	121	116	154	136	137	175	143	133	136	
<b>Mar</b>	144	127	157	151	162	164	145	143	141	
<b>Total</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>	<b>1674</b>	

## Garden Improvements

The car-park hedge laid – aesthetically and with regards to maintenance this is an enhancement and enable to provision of a footpath by DCC to serve the 200 new homes adjacent to the crematorium.

Bulk materials area in the car-park is about to be fenced from view.

Rowan exit sails still pending due to contractor workload.

## Larkbear Development – Traffic Management

The traffic order to remove the existing bus gate in Gratton Way and replace it with a new bus gate in Old Torrington Road has been published. The only exemptions currently confirmed are buses/PSVs/bicycles. Enforcement is expected to be by camera.

This would require all vehicular traffic, including the funeral cortege, to approach via Roundswell/Sainsbury mini-roundabout/Gratton Way Industrial Estate.

It is necessary to reply to the consultation by 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and the views of the Joint Committee will be communicated by the manager following this meeting.