

August 6th 2021

Crematorium Matters – Manager’s Report

Covid Crisis Update

The lifting of many restrictions on July 19th resulted in an increase of capacity to 162 (normally 252) with ‘two-tier’ seating to allow mourners to opt for a 2-metre spaced row of seats. Face coverings remain a requirement and singing has not been permitted (except for pre-arranged profession/amateur singers). Aspen chapel remains closed together with waiting rooms and the vestry.

The national and local situation will be closely monitored to establish whether any changes in restrictions (increase or relax) are appropriate.

Achievements

Video access control introduced at main reception to allow ‘drop-in’ appointments whilst retaining control over the number of visitors.

Following an offer to both North Devon and Torridge to host council meetings in a Covid19 secure setting with webcasting for the public, North Devon have used the facility twice producing an additional income stream.

Staffing Report

The part-time bereavement administrator post has been approved for advertising as an internal (North Devon & Torridge) vacancy.

Metals Recycling Charity Award

The Over and Above (Cancer & Wellbeing Centre) has been proposed for the next award (due June 2021).

Subsequent nomination list:

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

Over and Above (Cancer & Wellbeing Centre)

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
April	102	161	125	139	163	117	150	121	174	124
May	123	117	135	118	126	138	136	137	136	103
June	116	102	123	143	125	129	127	127	126	110
July	111	121	106	111	126	142	133	128	136	123
Aug	106	117	100	109	114	120	106	118	118	
Sept	104	107	122	127	121	127	106	114	121	
Oct	101	98	125	140	127	137	132	129	120	
Nov	129	96	120	108	157	135	127	115	149	
Dec	100	98	120	128	123	131	119	113	141	
Jan	159	164	142	131	158	182	169	147	176	
Feb	121	116	154	136	137	175	143	133	136	
Mar	144	127	157	151	162	164	145	143	141	
Total	1416	1424	1529	1541	1639	1697	1593	1525	1674	

Garden Improvements

Bulk material fencing complete.

Additional gardener support has been brought in due to a team member absence. This amount to 2.5 days a week.

Rowan exit sails work due to commence 24th August (install concrete pads and steel supports). Sails will be ordered and installed once the final measurements have been confirmed (services may require steel supports to be moved slightly). Aspen Chapel will be used during the works with a reduced capacity of 45 (service users advised with over 28 days notice).

Larkbear Development – Traffic Management

Written representations objecting to the proposals were made by the manager as requested by the Joint Committee.

The North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee meeting held on 7th July voted that the scheme proceed unchanged.

Once implemented, the bus gate will move from the Gratton Way junction to Old Torrington road itself where it will be enforced by camera. Consequently all Crematorium traffic will have to use the Gratton Way Industrial Estate route together with the new estate traffic.