

WOOLLENSBROOK

Cemetery & Crematorium Newsletter

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Dear Reader,

After several years of planning, building and preparation, Woollensbrook Cemetery & Crematorium finally opened on March 30th 2017 to serve the residents of Broxbourne and surrounding areas.

At the time of writing four months have already passed and the landscaping around the chapel is looking beautifully established. Several burials have taken place in the cemetery, memorials have been chosen by families in the Gardens of Remembrance and additional landscaping is being completed. A busy time for the team as Woollensbrook begins to establish itself within the local community.

The feedback to-date from families who have had funerals at Woollensbrook has been very positive. It is humbling to receive and certainly makes all the hard work worthwhile.

My team and I are always on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the services we provide so please do not hesitate to contact us, we are here to help.

Jason King

Manager

WOOLLENSBROOK WEBSITE



Our website is full of information that we hope will provide all the necessary guidance to assist families who are arranging a funeral or may have questions regarding the services we provide.

You can download our current fees, view our music library and request brochures while keeping up-to-date with any events that may be happening at Woollensbrook.

The website also has detailed information on the different types of memorials available in the gardens.

www.woollensbrookcrematorium.co.uk

MEMORIAL KEEPSAKE URNS



We are delighted to offer a range of memorial keepsake urns. These beautiful handmade metal urns are a dignified way to keep a small token of a loved ones ashes close to you at home. The urns are ideal if the remainder of the ashes are to be buried or scattered.

The keepsake urns come in a selection of shapes and high quality finishes. We hold samples of these urns in our office for you to view and other designs can be provided on request.

Keeping The Memory Alive

CEMETERY BURIALS

At Woollensbrook we can provide the following grave types:

LAWN GRAVE—Headstone only permitted. The space in front is laid to lawn. Small kerb sets and gardens are permitted to a regulated size.

TRADITIONAL GRAVES— Full memorials which cover the whole grave space (6'6" x 2'6") or either a lawn headstone are permitted on traditional graves. Some grave positions are situated on a path.

MAUSOLEUM—An above ground burial chamber for a single interment.

DID YOU KNOW?

On 26 March 1885, the first official cremation in the UK took place in Woking. The deceased was Mrs Jeannette Pickersgill, whom The Times described as "a well-known figure in literary and scientific circles".

By the end of the year, two more cremations took place at Woking, a total of 3 out of 597,357 deaths in the UK that year.

In 2016, UK statistics provided by the Cremation Society of Great Britain show on average 75% of funerals per year are cremations.

REMEMBRANCE FOR A LOVED ONE

Memorials have been used to remember and pay tribute to a loved one since Medieval times. Memorials, mainly carved from stone, are a personal tribute intended to honour a person's life and help those left behind grieve.

Cemetery memorials during the Victorian period saw the installation of lavish and ornate memorials, often they would define the class system, even in death. Following the two World Wars, cemeteries took on the familiar look of the Commonwealth War Graves cemeteries whereby a headstone would mark the grave known as a lawn cemetery.

When cremation became more popular than burial the need for smaller memorials to mark the spot where ashes had been laid to rest was required. Rose bushes were a common type of memorial. In recent years, however, families have desired more variety, choice and longevity in the form of remembrance.

Woollensbrook provides a tasteful choice of cremation memorials within our Garden of Remembrance. These include living memorials such as trees and family gardens and contemporary memorials such as tablets and mini graves made from granite or marble. We can even provide elegant memorial jewellery that encapsulates a small amount of cremated remains.

Many of our memorials can be personalised with photo plaques or emblems such as a badge of the deceased's favourite football team. We can provide memorials that are as unique as the person they pay tribute to.



We are a very new crematorium and our Garden of Remembrance is still under development. Over the coming years it will grow and mature into a beautiful and peaceful place for families to come and pay their respects to their loved one.

If you wish to discuss what memorial options are available at Woollensbrook Cemetery & Crematorium or would like a copy of our current brochure please do not hesitate to ask.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die"

Service of Dedication

Woollensbrook will be officially opened by the Bishop of Hertford who will be offering prayers and conducting the 'Act of Dedication' during a private service in our chapel on 31st October 2017.

The service will be attended by the Mayor of Broxbourne, local ministers, funeral directors and representatives of our professional organisations.

Although this service is private it is our intention to soon provide an open day for the public. The open day will offer the opportunity to view the crematorium, see behind the scenes and talk to staff who will happily discuss the daily operations and provide advice on the services we offer at Woollensbrook.

Further details will appear on our website.

Meet the Team



(L-R) Jason King, Manager. Martin Langdon, Crematorium Assistant.
Sandra Hayward, Crematorium Administrator.

The team at Woollensbrook are here to help you. We will endeavour to make every funeral unique and dignified set within first class facilities that are maintained to the highest standards. We aim to provide the best service for the bereaved. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Visual Tributes.

Our modern chapel is fitted with a large LCD monitor that can provide a memorable visual tribute of a loved one. This is a slide show that is played during the funeral and often accompanies a favourite piece of music.

If you wish to include a visual tribute please contact us or discuss with your funeral director. Visual tributes are unique and require time to produce therefore there are time constraints when arranging them. Please note we cannot accept home produced tributes on our chapel system.

We can also provide live webcasting of the service for a family member who is unable to attend or lives abroad. This facility can also record the service onto DVD or audio CD.



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