

**Central Durham Crematorium Joint
Committee**

28 April 2022



Performance and Operational Report

**Report of Graham Harrison, Bereavement Services Manager &
Registrar**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee with the quarterly update relating to performance and other operational matters.

Executive summary

2. This report provides Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee with a quarterly update of performance and operational matters at the crematorium.

Recommendation(s)

3. It is recommended that Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee:
 - a) Note the current performance of the crematorium.
 - b) Note the date of the Joint Conference of the Federation of Burial & Cremation Authorities and the Cremation Society of Great Britain and inform the Bereavement Services Manager of any representation from the Joint Committee.
 - c) Note the response from Chyrelle Addams Cancer Support Trust.

Background

4. This report provides Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee with an update of performance and operational matters at the crematorium since the last meeting of the Joint Committee.

Performance Update - Number of Cremations

5. The table below provides details of the number of cremations for the period 1 January to 31 March 2022 inclusive, with comparative data in the same period for the last two years:

	2019/20 (Pre Covid)	2020/21	2021/22	Change from 20/21
January	233 + 1*	226 + 1*	225 + 0*	- 1 - 1*
February	199 + 0*	221 + 3*	233 + 3*	+ 12 + 0*
March	226 + 1*	223 + 1*	206 + 0*	- 17 - 1*
TOTAL	658 + 2*	670 + 5*	664 + 3*	- 6 - 2*

* = Non-Viable Foetus (NVF) ** = Stillborns (STs) *** = Body part

6. The full profile of where families came from can be seen in Appendix 2. In summary, 181 came from Durham, 32 came from Spennymoor and 451 from other areas. There have been 3 NVF cremations undertaken for the period covered by this report compared to 5 in the comparable period last year. There were 6 less cremations undertaken in the period January to March 2022 compared to the same period last year.
7. The total number of cremations in 2021/22 was 2,306 compared with 2,738 in 2020/21, a decrease of 432 cremations, which is due to the Covid pandemic peak in 2020/21.
8. The 2021/22 budget was set at a prudent assumption of 2,200 cremations during the year. The actual number of cremations undertaken was therefore 106 more than the budgeted position. This is reflected in an over achievement of cremation fee income of £49,059 in year, which is included in the budgetary control report.
9. The table below shows the comparative figures for the previous ten financial years:

Year	Cremations
2012/13	2,379
2013/14	2,227
2014/15	2,287
2015/16	2,247
2016/17	2,324
2017/18	2,294

Year	Cremations
2018/19	2,392
2019/20	2,350
2020/21	2,738
2021/22	2,306

10. As members may be aware we have been providing webcasts for families to watch services when they are unable to attend, this is still providing to be popular. We have also been able to reduce some associated costs which we have been able to pass onto families.

Memorials

11. The table below outlines the number and value of the memorials sold in the period January to March 2022 compared to the same period the previous year.

	Jan-March 2020/21		Jan-March 2021/22	
	Number	£	Number	£
Vase Blocks	4	2,658	7	4,572
Large Plaques	18	7,724	17	7,164
Small Plaques	3	783	1	276
Niche	1	1,145	3	2,580
Renewal	28	4,676	47	8,020
Seat	1	1,042	0	0
Leaf Plaques	11	1,100	18	1,800
Total	66	19,128	93	24,412

12. In overall terms, the number and value of memorials sold of 93 / £24,412, compares to 66 / £19,128 in the same period last year. This is a year on year increase of 27 memorials sold and £5,284 in terms of income generated.
13. The table below identifies the total number and value of memorials sold during 2021/22 compared to 2020/21:

	2020/21 Total		2021/22 Total	
	Number	£	Number	£
Vase Blocks	20	13,172	21	13,684
Large Plaques	59	25,035	64	27,006
Small Plaques	13	3,393	8	2,133
Niche	7	8,787	7	6,484
Renewal	110	17,759	182	33,965
Seat	1	1,042	0	0
Leaf Plaques	13	1,300	47	4,700
Total	223	70,488	329	87,972

Operational Matters

Cremation & Burial Conference & Exhibition 2022

14. The Joint Conference of the Federation of Burial & Cremation Authorities and the Cremation Society of Great Britain is to be held at the Hilton Ageas Bowl, Southampton from Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 June 2022. Unfortunately the Bereavement Services Manager & Registrar is unable to attend, however if any Member wishes to attend, the necessary arrangements can be made for representation at the conference.

Recycling of Metals Scheme

15. At the January 2022 committee meeting we nominated Chyrelle Addams Cancer Support Trust and received confirmation of a BACS payment for £15,000. A letter of thanks has been sent in and is attached at Appendix 3.
16. The ICCM Board are delighted to announce the opening of a new round of nominations to scheme members with a closing date of midnight on the 1 July 2022. However only 1 nomination per scheme member is requested and the charity nomination must be bereavement related or linked to life limiting conditions, survivors, and their families.
17. If any member would like to nominate a charity could they please inform the Bereavement Services Manager & Registrar.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report

Finance

As identified in the report with regards to the position of the Income.

Consultation

Officers of Spennymoor Town Council were consulted on the contents of this report.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

There are no implications.

Climate Change

There are no implications.

Human Rights

There are no Human Rights implications associated with this report.

Crime and Disorder

There are no Crime and Disorder implications associated with this report.

Staffing

As identified in the report.

Accommodation

There are no accommodation implications associated with this report.

Risk

As identified in the report.

Procurement

There are no procurement issues associated with this report.

Appendix 2: Breakdown of Figures

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
DURHAM	62	66	53	181
BARNARD CASTLE		1		1
BISHOP AUCKLAND	10	9	9	28
BISHOP MIDDLEHAM	1			1
BLACKHALL	2	5	1	8
BIRTLEY			4	4
BURNHOPE	1			1
CHESTER LE STREET	14	17	12	43
CHILTON		2		2
CONSETT	2		4	6
CORNSAY			1	1
CROOK	7	6	4	17
DARLINGTON	1	1	1	3
EASINGTON	3	2	7	12
EAST RAINTON		1	1	2
ESH			1	1
ESH WINNING	2	4	1	7
FERRYHILL	2	4	3	9
FISHBURN	3	1	1	5
FROSTERLEY			1	1
GATESHEAD	1	1	1	3
GREAT LUMLEY	4	5	1	10
HAMSTERLEY			1	1
HARTLEPOOL	2		1	3
HASWELL	1		1	2
HETTON LE HOLE	5	6	4	15
HORDEN	2		5	7
HOUGHTON	2	11	4	17
KIMBLESWORTH			1	1
LANCHESTER	1	1		2
LANGLEY PARK	2	3	3	8
MORPETH			4	4
MURTON	5	5		10
NEW BRANCEPETH	1			1
NEWCASTLE	1	4	1	6
NEWTON AYCLIFFE	9	8	2	19
NORTHALLERTON		1		1
NORTHUMBERLAND		2		2
PELTON	1			1
PETERLEE	22	15	17	54
SACRISTON	5	3	1	9

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
SEAHAM	8	7	9	24
SEDFIELD	1		1	2
SHILDON	1		1	2
SHINEY ROW			1	1
SHOTTON	3	4	9	16
SOUTH HETTON	2	2	2	6
SPENNYMOOR	8	11	13	32
STANHOPE			1	1
STANLEY	1	2	3	6
STATION TOWN	1	3	1	5
SUNDERLAND	1	1	2	4
SOUTHERN ENGLAND	1	3	1	5
THORNLEY		1	3	4
TOW LAW	4	2	1	7
TRIMDON	7	4	3	14
WASHINGTON		1		1
WEST CORNFORTH	4	4		8
WHEATLEY HILL	4	1	1	6
WILLINGTON	2	1	2	5
WINGATE	2	2	1	5
YORKSHIRE/LANCASHIRE	1			1
Total	225	233	206	664

Appendix 3: Recycling of Metals



Reg Charity
Number
1125256 Tell
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To All the Management Team and Staff,

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your very generous donation of £15,000 to The Chyrelle Addams Cancer Support Trust. The money is going to fund our our Holiday Home project.

Alison and I have been totally overwhelmed by amount of money we have received and would like to thank you all so much. We are always so grateful to organisations such as yourselves. Your generosity is outstanding and it is a privilege to be associated with you.

This money will fund our Holiday Home and allow us to keep the project going for the next couple of years giving our terminally ill a last holiday free of charge to spend some quality time with family and make some very precious memories.

Once again thank you so much,
Trish Greensmith/ Alison Danby.

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