

**Central Durham Crematorium Joint
Committee**

29 June 2022



Quarterly 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 Joint Committee:
 - a. Note the current performance of the crematorium.
 - b. Note the attendance at the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management ICCM Learning Convention and Exhibition 2022.
 - c. Note the distribution of recycling income and subsequent charity nominations.

Background

4. As identified in the report.

Performance Update - Number of Cremations

5. The table below provides details of the number of cremations for the period 1 April to 31 May 2022 inclusive, with comparative data in the same period last year:

| | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | Change |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| April | 163 + 1* | 176 + 0 | +13 -1* |
| May | 124 +1* | 199 + 1 | +75 +0* |
| TOTAL | 287+2* | 375 + 1 | + 88 -1* |

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

6. The full profile of where families came from can be seen in Appendix 2. In summary 112 came from Durham, 10 came from Spennymoor and 253 from other areas. There has been 1 NVF cremation undertaken for the period covered by this report compared to 2 in the comparable period last year, which is a decrease of 1 NVF and an increase of 88 cremations.

Memorials

7. The table below outlines the number and value of the memorials sold in the period April to May 2022 compared to the same period the previous year.

| | (Apr – May) 2021/22 | | (Apr – May) 2022/23 | |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Number | £ | Number | £ |
| Vase Blocks | 4 | 2,642.00 | 3 | 1,914.00 |
| Large Plaques | 17 | 7,194.00 | 13 | 5,436.00 |
| Small Plaques | 2 | 522.00 | 1 | 261.00 |
| Niche | 1 | 1,220.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Renewal | 18 | 3,192.00 | 22 | 4,240.00 |
| Memorial leaves | 12 | 1,200.00 | 6 | 600.00 |
| Total | 54 | 15,970.00 | 45 | 12,451.00 |

8. In overall terms the number and value of memorials sold of 45 / £12,451 compared to 54 / £15,970 in the same period last year shows a decrease of 9 memorials sold and £3,519 income.

Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management ICCM Learning Convention and Exhibition 2022

9. As in previous years, the necessary arrangements will be made for representation at the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium

Management ICCM Learning Convention and Exhibition which is to be held at Chesford Grange Hotel, near Kenilworth from 26 to 28 September 2022. It is proposed that the Bereavement Services Manager and the Chair attend this conference as representatives of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee.

Recycling of Metals Scheme

10. Extra funds from collections in 2021 has resulted in the next round of nominations being made available with a closing date of 1 July 2022, therefore we have nominated Daft as A Brush Cancer Patient Care.

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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 Equality and Diversity implications associated with this report.

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.

Climate Change

None.

Appendix 2: Breakdown of Figures

| | Apr | May | Total |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| DURHAM | 48 | 64 | 112 |
| BILLINGHAM | | 1 | 1 |
| BISHOP AUCKLAND | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| BLACKHALL | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| CHESTER LE STREET | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| CHILTON | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| CONSETT | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| CROOK | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| EASINGTON | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| EAST RAINTON | | 1 | 1 |
| ESH WINNING | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| FENCEHOUSES | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| FERRYHILL | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| FISHBURN | 1 | | 1 |
| GATESHEAD | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| GREAT LUMLEY | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| HASWELL | 3 | | 3 |
| HETTON LE HOLE | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| HORDEN | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| HOUGHTON | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| HOWDEN | 1 | | 1 |
| LANCHESTER | 1 | | 1 |
| LANGLEY PARK | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| MORPETH | | 1 | 1 |
| MURTON | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| NETTLESWORTH | | 1 | 1 |
| NEW BRANCEPETH | | 2 | 2 |
| NEWCASTLE | | 1 | 1 |
| NEWTON AYCLIFFE | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| PETERLEE | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| SACRISTON | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| SEAHAM | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| SEDFIELD | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| SHILDON | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| SHINEY ROW | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| SHOTTON | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| SOUTH HETTON | | 1 | 1 |
| SPENNYMOOR | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| STANLEY | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| STATION TOWN | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| STOCKTON | | 1 | 1 |

| | Apr | May | Total |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| SOUTHERN ENGLAND | 1 | | 1 |
| THORNLEY | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| TRIMDON | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| WASHINGTON | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| WEST CORNFORTH | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| WHEATLEY HILL | 2 | | 2 |
| WILLINGTON | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| WINGATE | | 1 | 1 |
| WYNYARD | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| YORKSHIRE | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Total | 176 | 199 | 375 |