

Central Durham Crematorium
Joint Committee

27 January 2010

Quarterly Update Report



Report of Alan José, Superintendent and Registrar to the Joint Committee

1. Purpose of the Report

To give Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee the usual information contained within the Quarterly Update.

2. Cremations

I have to report for your information, the following statistics relating to the Crematorium for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 December 2009 inclusive:

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
OCT	199 + 5*	195 + 10*	177 + 3*	222	180 + 4*	192 + 1*
NOV	194 + 6* + 10**	193 + 4*	193 + 5*	200 + 3*	168	167 + 2*
DEC	194 + 5* + 1**	216 + 4*	183 + 1*	200 + 3*	200 + 5*	172 + 3*
TOTAL	587 + 16* + 11**	604 + 18*	553 + 9*	622 + 6*	548 + 9*	531 + 6*

* = NVF

** = STs

*** = BODY PARTS

Durham 183
Outside Area 348 (listed at Appendix 2)
Total 531 + 6 Nv

3. Memorial Garden

I would wish to advise the Joint Committee that during the period 1 October 2009 to 31 December 2009 inclusive, the following Memorials have been sold:

Vase Blocks 9
Large Plaques 20
Small Plaques 6
Total 35

Financial Information (Net of VAT)

Vase Blocks	4,468.18
Large Plaques	6,499.58
Small Plaques	<u>1,172.18</u>
Total	£ 12,139.94

4. Influenza Pandemic – Planning

Minute Numbers 2083 (26 April 2006), 2104 (19 July 2006), 2121 (25 October 2006), 2136 (17 January 2007), 2166 (25 July 2007), 2178 (31 October 2007), 2187 (23 January 2008), 2205 (30 April 2008), B6 (17 June 2009), A5 (15 July 2009) and A2 (25 November 2009) refers.

The four additional trained Cremator Operators are working on a regular rota to maintain operating skills and the Superintendent & Registrar is in regular contact with the Civil Contingencies Unit, Regional Epidemiologist and Consultant in Communicable Diseases. Three additional volunteers have come forward for Cremator Operator Training at Mountsett Crematorium. It is hoped that this training will commence shortly.

5. 50 Year Anniversary

In addition to the publication of a booklet, it is proposed that a Memorial Service (or Services depending on demand) which would be held in a Marquee erected in the Crematorium grounds. Arrangements could be made for refreshments to be served afterwards and an exhibition of Funerals Services available to the public. This could include displays by Florists, Funeral Directors, Coffin Manufacturers etc. and tours of the Crematorium could also be available.

Investigations as to costs are ongoing and a full report will be presented to the next meeting of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee.

6. Federation of Burial and Crematoria Authorities – Annual Return

As members of the F.B.C.A. (Federation of Burial and Crematoria Authorities) it is required that Statistical and Annual return is submitted each January together with confirmation that the F.B.C.A. Code of Practice has been observed during the year. A copy of this Report is set out at Appendix 3.

7. Recycling of Orthopaedic Implants and Non-Ferrous Metals

For some ten years, Ortho Metals has been providing a turnkey solution for the collection and recycling of metal implants from Crematoria across Europe and in the U.S.A.

The initiative for recycling orthopaedic implants has been supported by the I.C.C.M. (Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management) who have monitored the scheme in the U.K.

All monies made from the sale of the metals is donated to Charity – decision as to which Charities is overseen by the I.C.C.M. with Charities selected at local level by the I.C.C.M. Branches across the Country. Recent recipients include: Red Cross, Clinic Clowns, Various Hospices, Cancer Foundation and Disabled Sportsmen and Women.

To date over £100,000.00 has been donated to charity via this scheme. Locally, Sunderland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, South Shields, and Middlesbrough Crematoria are members of the scheme, where it is working very successfully.

To implement the scheme at Durham (and Mountsett) Crematorium would be a simple way to recycle precious metals and to reduce the carbon footprint of the Crematorium.

8. Staffing

I would advise the Committee that a member of the Crematorium Staff, Mr John Willis, had an accident at his home last week and has broken his leg in three places.

Mr Willis is expected to be off work for some 8 to 10 weeks.

To cover his duties at this busy time of the year, I have arranged with Durham County Council that Mr Ray Goodson, one of our qualified Pandemic Cremator Operators is seconded to the Crematorium on a temporary basis.

9. Recommendation

That the Report be noted and the Superintendent & Registrar make the necessary arrangements for Durham Crematorium to enrol in the Ortho Metals recycling scheme.

Background Papers:

- OthoMetals – Promotional Documentation and website.
- Institute of Cemetary & Cremation Management – Report of Recycling Metals following Cremation (April 2005).
- Institute of Cemetary & Cremation Management – Frequently Asked Questions (25 June 2008)

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

As outlined in the Report

Staffing

As outlined in the Report

Equality and diversity

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and disorder

None

Environment

None

Human rights

None

Localities and rurality

None

Young people

None

Consultation

None

Appendix 2: Breakdown of figures

	Oct	Nov	Dec		Oct	Nov	Dec
Amble (Northumberland)				Lincolnshire			
Barnard Castle				Hexham			1
Berwick-Upon-Tweed				Lanchester			1
Billingham	1		1	Middlesbrough	1		
Binchester				Morpeth			
Birtley		1		Murton	4	3	1
Bishop Auckland	9	5	12	Nettlesworth			
Bishop Middleham	1		2	Newcastle	2		1
Blackhall	1	2	2	Newton Aycliffe	3	10	8
Blackpool				Northallerton			
Burnhope				Ouston			
Chester				Redcar			1
Chester Le Street	13	12	10	Peterlee	10	6	6
Chester Moor				Sacriston	3	1	2
Chilton	1	2	3	Seaham	5	5	
Consett				Scarborough			1
Cornsay				Sedgefield	2	2	2
Coundon	1			Shildon	4	1	1
Cowhill				Shiney Row			
Crook	9	13	9	Shotton	2		2
Darlington	1		2	Somerset			
Doncaster				South Hetton			
Easington	1	3	6	Staindrop			
East Rainton				Stanhope		2	1
Edmondsley				Stanley		1	1
Egypt				Station Town			1
Esh Winning				Stockton			1
Fencehouses	1			Sunderland			
Ferryhill	8	8	9	Sunnybrow		1	
Fishburn	4	3	1	Thirsk			
Frosterley		2	1	Thornley		3	2
Gateshead				Toft Hill			
Great Lumley			2	Tow Law		1	
Hartlepool			2	Trimdon	1	4	2
Harrogate				Warrington			
Haswell	1			Washington	1		
Hetton Le Hole	1	4	5	West Auckland	2		1
Hampshire				West Cornforth	3	1	1
Horden	2	3	3	Wheatley Hill	5	3	2
Houghton	6	1	1	Willington	4	4	6
Howden	1		1	Wingate		2	1
Hunwick	1		1	Winlaton			
Lancs (Morecambe)				Wolsingham	2	1	1
Langley Park	1			Yorkshire			
Leeds							
Daily Total					118	110	120

Appendix 3: National Cremation Statistics For The Year 2009

Name: Durham Crematorium

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NUMBER OF CREMATIONS

The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register at 31 December 2009	(a) 93149
The LAST NUMBER in your Cremation Register at 31 December 2008	(b) 90894
TOTAL CREMATIONS for the year 2009 [(a) – (b)]	(c) 2255
Add: Total Cremations SINCE OPENING to 31 December 2008	(d) 90894
TOTAL CREMATIONS to 31 December 2009 [(c) + (d)]	93149

DISPOSAL OF CREMATED REMAINS FOR THE YEAR 2009

Strew in grounds of this Crematorium	1063
Interred in grounds of this Crematorium	-
Placed in niches at this Crematorium	5
Removed from this Crematorium	1187
No collectible remains obtained	-
Awaiting instructions for disposal	-
Total [Should agree with (c) above]	2255

OTHER CREMATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE YEAR 2009

(Not to be included in the above)

Number of CREMATIONS OF FOETAL REMAINS	32
Number of SOCIAL TERMINATIONS (identified by Hospital Number only)	-
Number of CREMATIONS OF BODY PARTS under the Cremation (Amendment) Regulations 2000	-

INSPECTION OF CREMATION FORMS IN THE YEAR 2009

Number of requests received to inspect cremation forms during the year	2
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CODE OF CREMATION PRACTICE

It is hereby certified that during the year 2009 the Code of Cremation Practice of the Federation of British Cremation Authorities has been observed at this Crematorium