

EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF BRAMM

A photograph of three badgers in a grassy field. One badger is in the foreground, looking up and to the right. Another is to its left, also looking up. A third is in the background, looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus green field.

BRAMM

IMPROVING STANDARDS

A guide for memorial masons



BRAMM – the British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons – is the industry's original single registration scheme, designed to streamline the interaction between memorial masons and local authorities and improve safety standards within burial grounds. A key objective of the scheme is to ensure all masons work in compliance to British Standard BS8415.



Providing technical support to achieve this and insisting that masons engage in Continuous Professional Development, BRAMM Accreditation demonstrates the credibility of a memorial business to its marketplace.

Further benefits are experienced through the registration and annual renewals process. Instead of multiple, costly registration with many different authorities – providing the same documentation to each – BRAMM requires you to register only once, with only one fee. Now you can access any BRAMM registered burial ground, reducing annual costs and administrative time.

Industry Updates

BUSINESS REGISTRATION

To register a memorial business with BRAMM, fill in our application form and provide your compliance documentation:

A

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE
CERTIFICATE £5,000,000

B

SUMMARY OF
HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

C

RISK ASSESSMENT

We require you to send in your up-to-date public liability insurance certificate every year.

PRACTICAL/THEORY ASSESSMENT

For every memorial being fixed in a BRAMM registered burial ground a **Licensed Fixer** must be present (fixing or supervising). To become licensed your fixers need to hold/complete one of the following qualifications/assessments:

- 1) A full NVQ / SVQ Level 2 or Level 3 (must include Fix & Secure unit or VR/QCF194 Fix & Secure unit).
- 2) The NAMM City & Guilds RQMF Fixers Qualification – although the applicant will also need to complete the BRAMM Theory Test online.
- 3) The BRAMM Fixer Licence Test Day which includes both a practical and theory assessment.

ON-GOING TRAINING

The **BRAMM Fixer Licence** lasts for five full years and can only be renewed if the licence holder can demonstrate attendance on one relevant and certified CPD (Continuous Professional Development) course within that 5 year period. BRAMM provides four different eCPD question papers, allowing licence holders to complete their CPD requirement online, if no other course has been completed in the 5 year period.

THE BRAMM BLUE BOOK

Whilst British Standard 8415 defines the technical standard that is required, it says little about how to achieve it. We have produced the BRAMM Blue Book, a technical guide demonstrating how to work in compliance with BS8415. This is available free of charge to all registered masons and is also used by local authorities to better understand the work carried out within their burial grounds. The Blue Book is a field manual which fixers should take with them when working on-site.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

A key advantage of the BRAMM scheme is that in the event of a dispute between a burial authority and a memorial mason, regarding the installation of memorials, we provide technical guidance, a clear discipline procedure and an appeal panel (as and when required) aiming for fairness and consistency throughout the UK.

On occasion, mis-interpretation of technical matters, by either party, or issues not covered by established rules and regulations cause disputes. BRAMM has a track record of resolving difficulties that can easily escalate to legal action, if not managed appropriately.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

We produce regular newsletters (delivered in print and digitally) to keep in touch and connect you to the wider community of memorial masons and burial authorities. We use the newsletter to provide updates on any important developments within the industry.





Would it be **helpful to discuss** any of this with a BRAMM representative? If so, please get in touch with the office to arrange a suitable time...

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Answers to 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) can be found on our website. Current fees are shown on our application forms, which can be downloaded from the website at **www.bramm-uk.org/document-download-centre**

BRAMM is not a profit-led organisation – we keep fees to a minimum and our board serve voluntarily. Memorial masons and the leading industry organisations are equally represented to ensure fairness and to help your voice be heard in matters that may affect your working practice – to this end, we also have representation on the British Standards board.

Your Business and Licensed Fixers will appear on the online Register



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