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## Burial Authority NEWS

Spring Update 2025

BRITISH REGISTER OF ACCREDITED MEMORIAL MASONS

### The BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards 2025: Applications now open!

*Don't miss this great opportunity to promote your burial ground –  
and a £1,000 prize to be won!*



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## Cemetery of the Year Awards 2025

The FREE to enter competition is now available on-line from  
**31 March until 30 June 2025** and open to any Burial Authority  
(Cemetery or Churchyard) within the UK.

The three categories of Cemeteries in this year's competition are –

- A. Large Burial Grounds above 10,000 graves
- B. Small/Medium Burial Grounds up to 10,000 graves
- C. Parish, Town and Community Councils

[Cemetery of the Year Awards 2025](#) please click this link for more  
information

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## In addition there are two further categories:

**D. The Best New CYA Entrant Award:** for the highest scoring new entry in each category in CYA 2025.

**E. The BRAMM Bereaved Community Award: £1,000 prize to be won!**

If your Cemetery or Burial Ground has completed any local initiative which has helped the bereaved in any way within the last 5 years you are eligible to enter for this award.

We know there are many enterprising Cemeteries that go the extra mile to help bereaved families, for example: this may be offering a flower service or café within the cemetery or providing memorials for stillborn children.

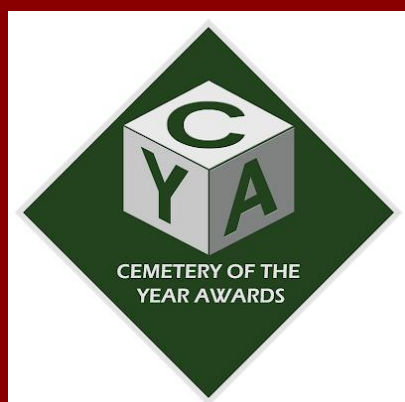
To enter this category, please write a short account (no more than 250 words) and explain your local initiative. You can also submit up to three photographs to support your entry.

*Unfortunately, previous Gold and Silver winners of this Award are unable to submit the same entries however you may submit any new initiatives you are involved with.*

Please click the link to see a short video about the CYAs 2025:

[https://vimeo.com/CYA 2025 information](https://vimeo.com/CYA%2025%20information)

**Please note the closing date for entries is midnight on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 – best of luck!**



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## BRAMM: Improving Standards (part 1) New CPD for Fixers



The BRAMM Fixer Licence (BFL) is valid for 3 years at a time. Prior to the expiry of the licence the employer is sent an email with a link to the online Continuing Professional Development Questionnaire. BRAMM has recently updated the Questionnaire from 25 to 58 questions and produced a bespoke video to accompany the CPD. Fixers must watch the video before taking the more stringent test. If the CPD test is not passed before the BRAMM Fixer Licence expires the Fixer will be required to undertake an in-person assessment in order to regain their BRAMM Fixer Licence.

Want to know more about the BFL? Click here to see the CPD video:

[https://vimeo.com/BRAMM\\_CPD](https://vimeo.com/BRAMM_CPD)

## BRAMM: Improving Standards (part 2) New requirements for BRAMM Fixer Licences

BRAMM's focus on the fixing of safe memorials has led to a significant change to the requirements for new BRAMM Fixer Licences (BFL). Previously, applicants with relevant City & Guilds, NVQs or SVQs were granted BFLs once an online Theory Test had been passed. BRAMM has recently put in place a new policy, under which these qualifications are no longer accepted as equivalent to the BRAMM Fixer Assessment. Candidates for a BFL must now attend an in-person Fixing Assessment and pass a Theory Test before being awarded the BRAMM Fixer Licence.

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## BRAMM: Promoting the fixing of safe memorials

BRAMM board member Mathew Crawley, the new Chief Executive of the ICCM, was recently interviewed on BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester about memorial safety: to listen please click the link:

<https://www.bramm-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/BBC-Topple-Test-Audio.mp3>



Episode One of the BRAMM 'Grave Concerns' video podcast: Memorial Safety – click here to watch:

<https://vimeo.com/BRAMM/MemorialSafety>

Watch out for the BRAMM emails in the coming weeks with the links to the next four episodes!

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## Family-run funeral business Neville Funerals based in Luton is marking its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Reflecting on this landmark anniversary Vicky Trumper, Director and 5<sup>th</sup> generation family member said, "It's an incredibly special year for us – our 150th anniversary is a testament to the enduring strength and adaptability of the Neville business and its teams while maintaining the values that have been at our core since the beginning."



Neville Funerals will be marking the anniversary with a number of events, including the launch of a 150-day programme empowering employees to dedicate their time to voluntary projects across the region.

### ICCM Course information:

Cemetery Management and Compliance

ICCM and Cruse Loss-and-Bereavement-Awareness

Sexton-Duties

Exhumation of Human Remains

Public Health Act Funerals

Granting, Exercising and Transferring Exclusive rights of Burial

Establishing & Managing Gardens of Remembrance



Please click on the course to see more information.

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