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Burial Authority NEWS

Summer Update 2025

BRITISH REGISTER OF ACCREDITED MEMORIAL MASONS

The BRAMM 'Grave Concerns' Video Podcasts – watch them now!

Bramm is delighted to introduce the
'Grave Concerns' video podcasts

Bereavement Services Managers Diane Murphy
(Manchester City Council) and Martin Birch (Cardiff Council)
share their views and experience on a wide range of topics
of interest to Burial Authorities.

Episode 1: Memorial Safety Inspections

(10mins)

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[Grave Concerns Ep1:
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Episode 2: Grave Re-use
(11 mins)

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Episode 3: Grounds Maintenance

The episode looks at differing strategies for managing the workforce and resources

(9 mins)

Click here: [BRAMM | Grave Concerns Ep 3: Grounds Maintenance on Vimeo](#)

Episode 4: Cremation sections

Discussions about the range of creative and sustainable memorial options

(9 mins)

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Episode 5: Avoiding Conflict Communication is key

(8 mins)

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Tragic death in Rawtenstall Cemetery

A four-year old boy was very sadly killed on 5th July in Rawtenstall Cemetery, Lancashire. An inquest has been opened and adjourned into Eli Testa's death, to allow for the circumstances to be investigated. Eli was killed when a York stone cross memorial fell on him. The cross has a broken joggle joint. The Labour MP for Rossendale & Darwen, Andy MacNae, spoke at Prime Minister's Question Time on 16th July, telling Sir Keir Starmer that Rossendale was shocked by the tragedy. Rossendale Borough Council, responsible for Rawtenstall Cemetery which dates from 1877 said in a statement that "We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of a young child at Rawtenstall Cemetery. Our thoughts are with the family at this devastating time. Rossendale Borough Council is working with all relevant agencies to understand the circumstances of this incident.

Memorial Inspection training is offered by the ICCM
Please click the link for more information: [Other Training](#)



Since the introduction of BS:8415 (2018) and under the BRAMM Blue Book a joggle joint has been BANNED from being used on new memorials

ICCM Summer/Autumn Training Courses



The ICCM is offering the following on-line courses:

Cemetery Management and Compliance: 19/20th November and 16/17th December

ICCM and Cruse Loss and Bereavement Awareness: 19th November

Sexton-Duties: 8th October, 18th November and 3rd December

Exhumation of Human Remains: 14th October

Public Health Act Funerals: 16th September and 16th December

Granting, Exercising and Transferring Exclusive Rights of Burial: 9/10th December

Establishing & Managing Gardens of Remembrance: 7th October and 2nd December

Please click on this link to see more information: [Other Training](#)

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ICCM Learning Conference 2025:
Embracing Change
Tues 30th Sept – Wed 1st Oct

The ICCM Learning Conference is now open for bookings!

The 2-day format allows for maximised learning – with minimal time away from the workplace.

Venue: Chesford Grange Hotel CV8 2LD

Stay for one or two nights – or day tickets are available.

The speakers are a range of professionals from across the sector.

The interactive speed learning event is back for 2025 – your opportunity to quiz a range of experts in a small group setting.

Learn about legislative updates and participate in key debates.

Meet the suppliers and learn about the latest developments in the Exhibition.

A great opportunity to meet with ICCM members, colleagues and exhibitors.

The Tuesday night Awards Dinner brings together delegates to celebrate the valuable work and achievements of ICCM members over the past year.

Click here for more information: [ICCM Learning Conference 2025](#)



The BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards winners will be presented with their certificates in a special session on the Tuesday afternoon!

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