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## Burial Authority NEWS

Autumn Update 2025

### BRITISH REGISTER OF ACCREDITED MEMORIAL MASONS

### The BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards – the Winners!



The winners received their framed certificates at the ICCM Conference in October – well done to them and everyone who entered!

Large Burial grounds (over 10,00 graves) Silver Award  
and Best New Entry:  
Congratulations to  
Southern Cemetery  
(Manchester)



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(over 10,000 graves)  
Gold Award Winners:  
St Helen's  
Cemetery

Sonia Smith, the Team Manager at St Helen's Bereavement Services was delighted with the Gold Award – especially after winning the Silver Award five times!

### Small/Medium Burial Grounds (under 10,000 graves)



Gold Award Winner:  
Oak Hill Lawn Cemetery  
(Welwyn Hatfield B C )

Best New Entry: Torrisholme  
Cemetery  
(Lancaster City Council)



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Parish, Town and Community Council:  
Best New Entry Award and Silver  
Award winners:  
Biddulph Town Council Burial  
Ground

Parish, Town and Community  
Council – Gold Award:  
Witton Cemetery (Northwich  
Town Council)



BRAMM Bereaved  
Community Award: Gold  
Award Winner: Mayfield  
Woodland Burial  
Ground (Wirral)



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## The BRAMM CYA Silver Award Winners:

Large Burial Grounds: Southern Cemetery (Manchester) and Thornhill Cemetery (Cardiff)

Small/Medium Burial Grounds: Tipton Cemetery (Sandwell) Bluebell Cemetery (Sevenoaks)

Parish, Town and Community Council: Syston & District Cemetery and Biddulph Town Burial Ground

The BRAMM Bereaved Community Award: Blaby Parish Council



BRAMM  
Bereaved  
Community  
Award Silver  
Award Winner:  
Blaby Parish  
Council

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## The BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards 2026 – your chance to be a winner!

From **March 2026** BRAMM will be welcoming entries to the next BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards – look out for the BRAMM emails confirming the 2026 Awards are open for entries!

### How to enter the BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards 2026

**ENTRY IS FREE**- and will usually take less than 30 minutes!

As in previous years, entry is by completing the online CYA Questionnaire – designed to give ideas and inspiration to improve the facilities offered in the Cemetery for the bereaved.

Many of the improvements suggested cost very little or nothing at all!

All entries will receive a copy of their entry and can benchmark their score against the average mark awarded.

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## ICCM Training Courses

Please click on the link for more information:

### Other Training

#### Online Courses in 2025 and 2026:

NEW Cemetery Operations & Regulatory Compliance

NEW Introduction to Cemetery Management for Parish and Town Clerks

NEW SANDS: Pregnancy and baby loss – Bereavement in the workplace

Sexton Duties Course

Exhumation of Human Remains

Exclusive Rights of Burial

Public Health Funerals

ICCM & Cruse Loss and Bereavement Awareness

Establishing and Managing Grounds of Remembrance

#### Management of Memorials – Inspection Workshops 2026

**(on site training)**

Shaftesbury Town Council (Dorset) 20<sup>th</sup> March

Ross-on-Wye Town Council (Herefordshire) 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Highworth Town Council (Swindon) 27<sup>th</sup> March

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