



BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards 2026



The **FREE** to enter competition will once again be available from **31 March until 30 June 2026** and open to any Burial Authority (Cemetery or Churchyard) within Britain.

This year there are only 50 yes/no questions focused primarily at the facilities offered directly to the bereaved, reducing the time to enter to less than 15 minutes. Feedback of the scores is given at the end of the questionnaire. Each question has a link to a “best practice” example if your cemetery is currently not providing the facility of the bereaved.

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

After the Competition closes a selection of the highest scores in each category will be taken forward and requested to supply 3 photographs of their Cemetery when extra marks will be awarded for the maintenance and appeal of their Cemeteries and used to determine the Cemetery of the Year Awards Gold and Silver places in each category.

The winner in each category will receive a Cemetery of the Year Gold Award Certificate and granite plaque, and a Cemetery of the Year Press Release that can be used to promote your achievement, in your local newspaper, social media and on your website. Silver Awards Certificates will be presented to the runners up along with a CYA Press Release.

Note: The competition will also include the following two extra categories in this year's competition.

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

The winner will receive a CYA Best New Entrant Certificate and a CYA Press Release that can be used to promote your achievement, in your local newspaper, social media and on your website.

E. The BRAMM Memorial Masons Award will be open to **any memorial** already fitted in a Cemetery within the last 5 years. Previous entries are not accepted.

It will be marked on its design and innovation qualities and the winner will receive £1000.00 prize money along with a BRAMM Gold Award Certificate and a BRAMM Press Release that can be used to promote your work.

Silver Awards will be presented to the runners up along with a BRAMM/CYA Press Release to promote your work.

Cemetery of the Year 2026 Rules.

- 1. Any person entering the Cemetery of the Year competition accepts full responsibility for the accuracy and content of their responses to the prescribed questions. All answers must be*

provided truthfully, accurately, and in good faith. Entrants are expected to have due regard to, and demonstrate compliance with, all applicable Cemetery Regulations when submitting their responses.

- 2. Entry to the competitions is restricted to one entry per Cemetery please, but multiple cemeteries from the same burial authority can enter.*
- 3. If more than one Cemetery using an identical set of Cemetery Rules and Regulations from the same Burial Authority reaches the finalists in the same category, the organisers reserve the right to choose only one entry in that category.*
- 4. The competition is open to any Burial Authority (Cemetery or Churchyard) within Britain.*
- 5. The top scores in each category will be adjudicated after the competition closing date using the contact details on the entry form.*
- 6. The Adjudicator's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered in to.*
- 7. The competition will run from March 31 until June 30 2026.*
- 8. The finalists in each category will be invited to the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) Conference in September 2026 to receive their prizes.*

Good Luck