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Burial Authority NEWS

Winter 2026

BRITISH REGISTER OF ACCREDITED MEMORIAL MASONS

BRAMM Cemetery of the Year Awards 2026

Open for entries 31st March – 30th June



**Entry takes 15
minutes!**



The Cemetery of the Year Awards will be open for entries from 31st March – have you got 15 minutes to fill in the Questionnaire?

New for 2026: every entry will receive a BRAMM standard certificate: BRAMM will be awarding Gold, Silver or Bronze standard certificates that can be displayed in your office, reflecting you and your Team's commitment to the bereaved.

The focus of the Cemetery of the Year Awards 2026 is improving standards for the bereaved and there are lots of small steps that can be taken at no or minimal cost to the Burial Authority to enhance the experience of those visiting the Cemetery.

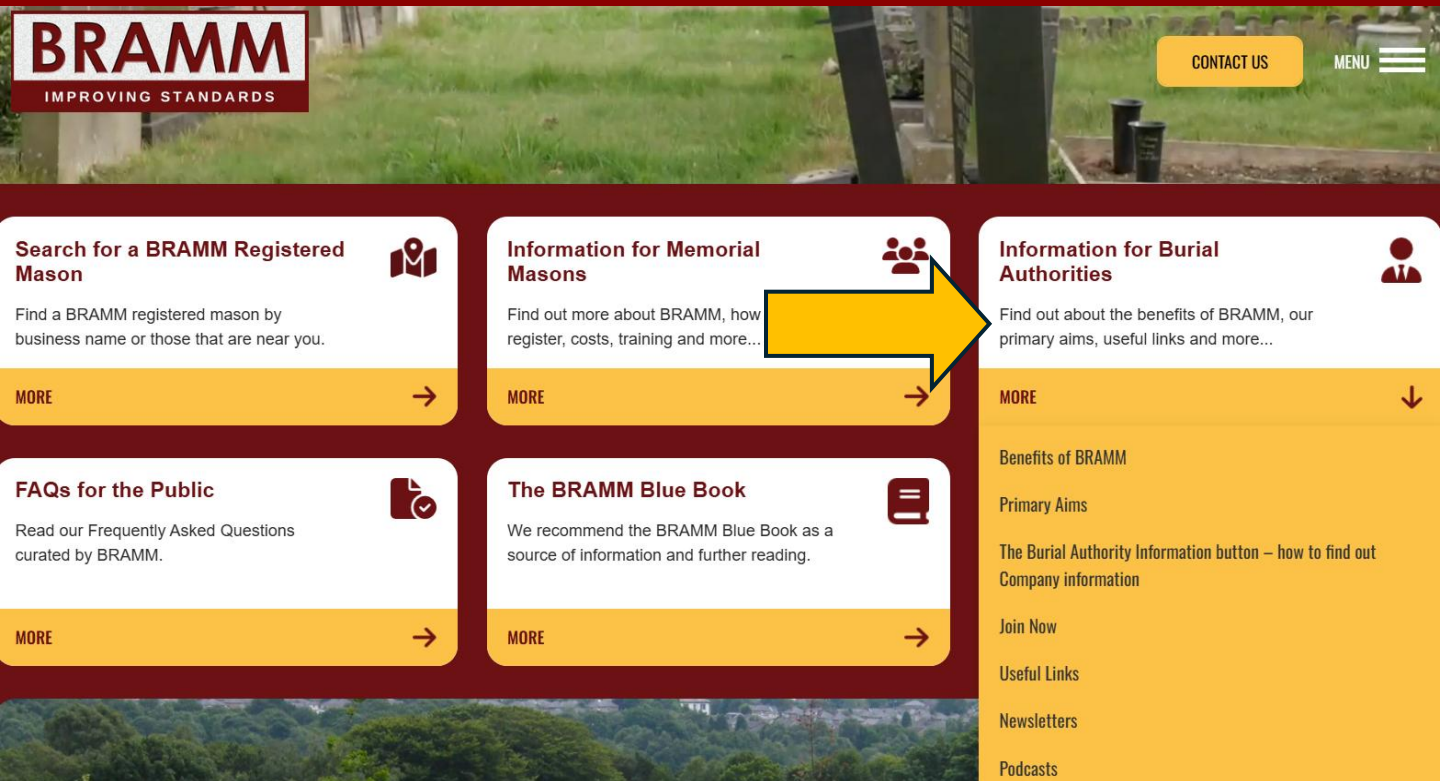
The questionnaire has been redesigned for 2026, and now seeks the answers to straightforward Yes/No questions.

Perhaps you think there is little point entering the Awards? Just working through the Questionnaire will provide you with inspiration for easy to implement improvements to upgrade the Cemetery for the local community – feedback will be given to every entrant and you might be surprised at how well your current facilities match up!

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Introducing the new BRAMM website

Click here to take a look: [Home - BRAMM](#)



Want to see BRAMM registered business and fixer information?

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Search for the registered business and click on the Burial Authority Information button to see the accredited Fixer ID's and business documents.

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Public Liability Insurance Expiry Date: 25-Sep-2026
BRAMM Support Visit Date: 04-Mar-2024

FIXERS



BURIAL AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

- Other: BRAMM-HS-and-Risk-assessment-Stevenson.docx
- Public Liability: Stevenson Memorials PLI (1).pdf

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A new memorial for a victim of the Yorkshire Ripper

Nearly forty-five years have passed since the Yorkshire Ripper was brought to justice, yet his crimes continue to cast a long shadow across the North of England. Among his victims was Elena (Helen) Rytka, who was murdered in Huddersfield.

Richard Walkden, a local headteacher, became aware of Elena's story after reading an online article that showed her grave in Scholemoor Cemetery, Bradford. The grave was marked only with a simple wooden cross—and even her name had been misspelled. Shocked by the condition of the grave, Richard felt compelled to act. After contacting BRAMM, he was provided with details for accredited local Memorial Masons and advised on the permissions required to install a new headstone.

The memorial was supplied and installed by In Loving Memory of Bradford, who also advised Richard on the design. Keeping the headstone simple was important to him, and the company generously reduced their fee given the circumstances.

Richard was very pleased with the result, saying that the original state of Elena's grave had been "disgraceful." When discussing local history with his pupils, he had shared the condition of the memorial, and they encouraged him to take action. "I decided to do just that," he said. "I am really pleased with the new memorial."



The new memorial to
Elena Rytka

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Updates to the BRAMM Fixer Licence Assessment

The BRAMM Fixer Licence assessment is accredited by the AIM Qualifications and Assessments Group. Standards for qualifications accredited by AIM have recently been strengthened, requiring all training providers to adopt updated processes. In response, BRAMM has worked closely with AIM to revise and enhance the BRAMM Fixer Licence Assessment. This collaboration has resulted in a thorough review of the assessment criteria, ensuring full alignment with the awarding organisation's latest requirements. By way of example, in October 2025 BRAMM issued seven licences to fixers who successfully demonstrated competence across the range of practical skills required. However, a further six candidates were not successful. In many cases, companies had put forward individuals who lacked adequate training or sufficient experience as fixer masons, while others failed to properly review the assessment information provided before undertaking the practical assessment. It is important to note that the BRAMM Fixer Licence Assessment is designed **exclusively for experienced memorial fixers**. The assessment evaluates a broad set of installation skills needed to meet current **BS 8415** standards. Candidates without the necessary background or preparation are unlikely to meet the required competency levels.

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ICCM Training Courses

Please click on the link for more information:

Other Training

Online Courses in 2026:

NEW Cemetery Operations & Regulatory Compliance: 19 & 20 May and 21 & 22 July

NEW Introduction to Cemetery Management for Parish and Town Clerks: TBC

NEW SANDS: Pregnancy and baby loss – Bereavement in the workplace: 21 Oct

Exhumation of Human Remains: 15 April and 24 June

Exclusive Rights of Burial: 2 & 3 June

Public Health Funerals: 14 April and 23 June

ICCM & Cruse Loss and Bereavement Awareness: 13 May

Establishing and Managing Grounds of Remembrance: 12 May and 17 June

Management of Memorials – Inspection Workshops 2026

(on site training)

Ross-on-Wye Town Council (Herefordshire): 23 March

East Grinstead Town Council (West Sussex): 26 March

Tonyrefail (Wales): 27 March

Highworth Town Council (Swindon): 27 April

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