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Cemetery of the Year Awards 2024

We are delighted to announce that entries are now being welcomed for the Cemetery of the Year Awards 2024!

The competition is open to any Burial Authority within the UK.

The categories 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
- D. The Best First Time CYA Entrant Award, for the highest scoring first entry in CYA.

Please note the **closing date for entries is the 30th June 2024**.

New for 2024 is that entries need to be accompanied by photos, as extra marks will be awarded at the Judges' discretion during the final adjudication process for maintenance and general appeal of the Cemetery.

The overall winner will receive the prestigious CYA Gold award.

Silver awards will be presented to the runners up in each category and all winners will be featured in the CYA press releases – great for promoting your award-winning cemetery.

Click the link for more information: [Cemetery of the Year Awards 2024](#)

Have you taken the 'Is Your Cemetery up to Standard?' Questionnaire?

This is a straightforward survey for your cemetery, that will allow you to assess your services for the bereaved. The object is to highlight where your cemetery could be improved, and provide some Best Practice examples of how to achieve this, often at very little expense.

The link is here: [Is your cemetery up to standard? \(google.com\)](#)



Last year's joint
Gold Award Winners
(Large Burial Ground):

Gorton Cemetery and
Philips Park Cemetery

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MEMORIAL DESIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2024

The BRAMM Memorial Masons Award is a prestigious opportunity for Memorial Masons to showcase their work. The Award is for any Memorial fixed in a cemetery (or churchyard) within the last 5 years. Judges will be looking for great design and innovation. The winner will receive **£1000 prize money** and a Cemetery of the Year Awards Gold Certificate, together with a press release to promote their achievement. This is a great opportunity for Memorial Masons – please feel free to publicise the Award.



Entries are via the Cemetery of the Year Awards website (see page 1) and should be accompanied by up to three photographs of the Memorial.

Last year's winning design is pictured - a beautiful tribute by Scott Taylor.

Entries close 30th June 2024.



Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management Upcoming Online Training Courses

Cemetery Management and Compliance 4/5 June and 9/10 July

Sexton Duties Course: 30 May and 18 July

Exhumation of Human Remains: 17 May and 26 July

Exclusive Rights of Burial: 21/22 May and 16/17 July

Public Health Funerals: 12 July

ICCM and Cruse Loss and Bereavement Awareness: 16 May

Establishing & Managing Gardens of Remembrance: 23 May

Onsite Courses - Management of Memorials - Inspection workshops: various dates
June—September 2024

Please click on the link for more information: [Other Training \(iccm-uk.com\)](https://www.iccm-uk.com)

Introducing BRAMM's Burial Authority Liaison Officer

Hello! My name is Janet Walker and I am delighted to have been appointed to the new role of Burial Authority Liaison Officer at BRAMM.

I am looking forward to contacting Burial Authorities across the country to remind them of the benefits of being registered - free of charge - with BRAMM, and to re-establish their commitment to BRAMM and the fixing of SAFE MEMORIALS to British Standard 8415.

I started my career as a solicitor, then subsequently qualified as a teacher, and more recently worked in financial services advising clients on Wills, Trust and Lasting Powers of Attorney.

I am keen to promote the benefits of registering with BRAMM – and am very impressed that since BRAMM started in 2004 there have been no recorded injuries or fatalities involving memorials fixed by BRAMM registered fixers to BS8415.

If you would like to contact me about your Burial Authority registration please feel free to do so.

I look forward to speaking to many of you over the coming months.

Contact: Bramm@Bramm-uk.org or 01452 346741



Janet Walker
BRAMM
Burial
Authority
Liaison

Why Register with BRAMM?

BRAMM was founded in 2004 with the aim of establishing a recognised uniform standard of workmanship to meet the requirements of BS 8415 in all burial grounds throughout the UK.

There is no charge to Burial Authorities to join the Register, and the benefits to the Authority are significant in terms of the safety assurance offered by our Registered Memorial Masons.

BRAMM simply require Burial Authorities to ensure that:

- all Memorials are erected to the current British Standard 8415.
- the Authority recognises the BRAMM Register and allows BRAMM accredited masons to erect **SAFE MEMORIALS** in their cemeteries.

BRAMM (which is significantly the largest Register of Accredited Memorial Masons and Burial Authorities in the UK) will maintain an up-to-date register of Accredited Memorial Masons who have £5m public liability insurance, a health and safety policy and a risk assessment and are required to fix **SAFE MEMORIALS** in compliance with the BS 8415. BRAMM will also provide FREE technical advice. For a Burial Authority to be a BRAMM Burial Authority they simply have to ask that new **SAFE MEMORIALS** are erected (in compliance with the current BS 8415) and that the mason/fixers are registered with BRAMM.

BRAMM is fully supported and endorsed by the leading industry organisations:

- ICCM—Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management,
- FBCA—Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities,
- SLCC—Society of Local Council Clerks.
- CWGC—Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- EJA—Ecclesiastical Judges Association

The above organisations have equal representation and sit alongside independent Memorial Masons on the BRAMM Board to ensure fair, transparent and non-biased discussion and decision making.



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