

5th November 2021

Crematorium Matters – Manager’s Report

Covid Crisis Update

The Aspen Vestry has been re-opened providing changing facilities without access to staff only areas.

Singing is permitted and waiting rooms re-opened.

Services in excess of 200 people are permitted by allowing Aspen to be used (if booked) as an overflow.

The national and local situation will be closely monitored to establish whether any changes in restrictions (increase or relax) are appropriate.

Achievements

A number of North Devon District Council meetings have taken place in the Rowan Chapel with webcasting to enable remote public access. This has proved very successful.

Staffing Report

The part-time bereavement administrator post has been filled and the new staff member started on 11th October.

The lead gardener has resumed on a part-time basis. In light of the seasonal demands there is sufficient cover and the situation will be reviewed in the coming months.

Metals Recycling Charity Award

The Over and Above (Cancer & Wellbeing Centre) has been proposed for the next award (due December 2021).

Subsequent nomination list:

Families in Grief

North Devon Children’s Holiday Foundation

North Devon Hospice

Cruse

Children’s Hospice SW

Over and Above (North Devon Hospital – Maternity Unit Bereavement Suite)

Clarity

Calvert Trust

Over and Above (Cancer & Wellbeing Centre)

No further additions to be considered prior to February 2022.

Cremation Figures

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
April	102	161	125	139	163	117	150	121	174	124
May	123	117	135	118	126	138	136	137	136	103
June	116	102	123	143	125	129	127	127	126	110
July	111	121	106	111	126	142	133	128	136	123
Aug	106	117	100	109	114	120	106	118	118	116
Sept	104	107	122	127	121	127	106	114	121	131
Oct	101	98	125	140	127	137	132	129	120	120E
Nov	129	96	120	108	157	135	127	115	149	
Dec	100	98	120	128	123	131	119	113	141	
Jan	159	164	142	131	158	182	169	147	176	
Feb	121	116	154	136	137	175	143	133	136	
Mar	144	127	157	151	162	164	145	143	141	
Total	1416	1424	1529	1541	1639	1697	1593	1525	1674	

Garden Improvements

Rowan exit sails work commenced on 24th August to install concrete pads. Steel supports will be installed shortly and at that point the sails will be ordered.

Larkbear Development – Traffic Management

The manager wrote to the Highways Department of Devon County Council on 16th September (copy attached – Appendix A) seeking involvement in the implementation phase as requested by the Joint Committee. As yet no formal response has been received.