

Friday 7th February 2025

Crematorium Matters – Manager’s Report

Cremation Figures (excluding NVF)

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
April	137	161	114	146	119	172	122	132	149	137
May	114	123	136	131	137	131	100	146	153	158
June	141	124	125	125	120	124	108	131	128	111
July	105	123	138	129	125	135	122	110	138	125
Aug	106	112	120	105	122	116	111	133	132	104
Sept	123	118	124	103	111	119	129	136	134	111
Oct	137	125	133	130	125	117	119	119	129	132
Nov	104	153	132	125	113	145	130	132	135	131
Dec	123	122	130	116	113	139	125	134	131	105
Jan	131	152	179	165	144	172	140	178	154	157
Feb	131	135	171	143	130	132	119	174	149	
Mar	150	160	160	137	136	139	157	171	140	
Total	1502	1608	1662	1555	1495	1641	1482	1696	1672	

Metals Recycling Charity Award

Children’s Hospice South West has been nominated for the next award.

Rota for subsequent awards:

Families in Grief
North Devon Hospice
Cruse
Children’s Hospice SW

The scheme currently allows for up to 4 Charities to be nominated at the same time with the percentage being set individually (can be equal). No further charities will be brought forwards for consideration until the February 2026 meeting.

Crematorium Solar Panels

A project has been set up to:

- Assess if any grants are available (early indications are negative).
- Obtain tenders for a system to be installed on Rowan Chapel roof (constructed in 2016 with specific instruction it be sufficiently sturdy for solar panels). A previous estimate was obtained for 70kw system costed at £61,500 +vat (expired Dec 2024).
- Identify additional cost of battery storage and the benefits/pay-back period.

There may be an option to add EV charging at a later date if the Joint Committee wished.

The funding option of using the Budget Management Reserve was discussed previously (total £102,461 including any vat – equivalent of £85,000 +vat).

The authority of the Joint Committee is sought to use the identified reserve to fund the project, and up to the full amount if the battery storage option proves viable within the available budget.