

5th July 2019

Crematorium Matters – Manager’s Report

Achievements

- The Aspen refurbishment has been completed and attracted significant positive comment.
- A 40m run of fencing has been installed to edge the upper car-park along its boundary with the crematorium owned field. This masks the field and has restored the deer-protection.
- Replacement windows have been ordered for the ‘customer-facing’ windows in the bungalow. Several were failing and the replacements will also more closely match the new buildings.
- The new resin path has been installed along Authors and Royals sections providing a flood-free path that is much easier to walk along or use a wheelchair or buggy.
- Three beehives have been installed in safe areas following a risk assessment. Two are in the field and one on the flat roof near the Aspen exit.
- A fabric cover for the catafalques has been custom-made by a local supplier. This is intended to cover the rollers when a small coffin is presented to improve the presentation (less harsh).
- An auger has been purchased to improve the ability to bury ashes respectfully whilst reducing the rate at which burial space is consumed.

Staffing

- Organist – an additional occasional organist has been recruited to provide more resilience.
- The full-time administrator has been in place since 8th April.
- The additional part-time gardener has been in post since 15th April.

Metals Recycling Charity Award

CRUSE have been awarded £8,000 as the second award this year.

Children’s Hospice is scheduled to the next award subject to any additions the committee may agree.

The current rota is as follows:

Families in Grief
North Devon Children's Holiday Foundation
North Devon Hospice
Cruse
Children's Hospice SW
North Devon Cancer Care Centre Trust

Cremation Figures

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
April	129	98	125	109	102	161	125	139	163	117	161
May	122	112	90	111	123	117	135	118	126	138	136
June	96	103	103	129	116	102	123	143	125	129	127
July	102	90	99	107	111	121	106	111	126	142	133
Aug	85	99	83	116	106	117	100	109	114	120	106
Sept	86	103	111	88	104	107	122	127	121	127	106
Oct	121	97	97	102	101	98	125	140	127	137	132
Nov	105	115	115	116	129	96	120	108	157	135	127
Dec	133	120	107	88	100	98	120	128	123	131	119
Jan	164	141	169	143	159	164	142	131	158	182	169
Feb	122	105	140	127	121	116	154	136	137	175	153
Mar	114	114	117	132	144	127	157	151	162	164	145
Total	1379	1297	1356	1368	1416	1424	1529	1541	1639	1697	1614