

Test Valley Crematorium News Letter



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Empathy, Care & Understanding

Dear Reader,

It has now been over a year since we opened Test Valley Crematorium, and we have had so much happen already. This includes a successful Dedication service officiated by the right Reverend Thomas Wharton, and attended by the mayor of Test Valley Ian Carr MBE, and his Wife Beryl. We also had Lord and Lady Byron present, with Lord Byron reading a poem from his very famous Ancestor Lord George Gordon Byron, written over 200 years ago.

Our grounds have had some intensive landscaping, with the garden of remembrance taking shape, providing a pleasant and peaceful place for families to visit, and our Woodland scattering area now pathed and easily accessible.

With regard to feedback we have been very humbled by all the kind words passed on to us from families and friends who have attended a service at Test Valley to say their goodbyes. This is the most important factor for us, ensuring that we are helping the bereaved by giving the upmost care and affection at such a difficult time.

We stand by our company vision:

‘Empathy, Care and Understanding’

Woodland Glade Scattering Area

The Woodland Glade is now open and a path has been put in place to ensure easy access.

The Woodland Glade is a natural scattering area, adjacent to the crematorium building, this is a natural unmarked area therefore we do not allow the placing of any vases or plaques. However please feel free to leave fresh cut flowers loosely within the Glade.

Test Valley Team

The Test Valley team has grown this year. We now have from left to right: Colin Bennett, Stephanie Langford, Annie Audin and Manger Robert Metcalf. We are all here to help you with any questions or queries you have, regarding visiting the site or an upcoming service.



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

TEST VALLEY CREMATOURIUM

Tuesday 18th December 2018

7:00pm

We hope that this service will provide comfort to the bereaved, allowing time of reflection and remembrance, at this time of year

A Christmas tree will be on display in the chapel for you to write a message to your loved one, during the service and hang on to the tree, which will remain in the chapel throughout the festive period.

All welcome to attend.



Test Valley Crematorium Memorial Garden Now Open

Our range of cremation memorials are designed and produced to the highest Standards that epitomise the very best of traditional and contemporary cremation Memorials available.



Standard Roses

Our standard rose trees provide another traditional form of remembrance. Standard rose trees are arranged in individual beds each surrounded by granite setts and marked with a dedication plaque.

Trees

A variety of trees have been planted in our gardens to provide a living, natural memorial. Each surrounded by granite setts and marked with a dedication plaque.

Family Gardens

Family gardens are dedicated to one family. Each garden is individually planted and provides a distinct, private area for you to visit and tend.

Mini Graves

A small upright headstone and kerb set provides a distinctive memorial to mark the ashes burial plot of your loved one. These traditional memorials measure approx. 2' (60cm) overall and mark the burial of ashes in a private grave. Each design is available in a range of granites and can be made to accommodate one or two vases for displaying cut flowers. The area in front of the headstone can be filled with coloured chippings or finished with soil for planting. A co-ordinating granite slab can be provided as an alternative.

Cremation Tablets

An exclusive ashes burial plot together with a traditional engraved granite memorial. Inscriptions can be enhanced with motifs, insignia and photographs. A simple, elegantly designed, low maintenance, granite tablet designed to mark the burial of ashes within a garden of remembrance. Designed to fit a standard 2ft (60cm) x 2ft (60cm) concrete foundation.



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All our memorial stones are supplied by AK Landers.

AK Lander is a quality gravestone memorial manufacturer and supplier, offering exceptional service. Established in 1866, the memorial headstones are produced by skilled craftsmen and artists who are experts in creating unique memorials that reflect the people they commemorate. The range of materials and designs has greatly increased over the years and they can now supply a fantastic variety of quality stone for crematoria memorials through their extensive network of suppliers. This wide range of materials means that they can create headstones that are truly personal.

Test Valley Crematorium Sponsor

The Romsey Show



Test Valley crematorium were proud sponsors at this year's Romsey Show. The event was a great success and our chance to get involved in the local community. Since opening the people of Romsey and the surrounding areas have welcomed us with open arms. We decided sponsoring the Romsey show would be a great way to say thank you and to give something back to the community.

The show is organized by The Romsey Agricultural & Horse Show Society and held on the magnificent and historic Broadlands Park, Romsey. The Show supports a variety of local organizations including Romsey Scouts, Air Cadets, Sea Cadets and Guides. They also frequently welcome Romsey Rugby Club, Hursley Pony Club and Romsey Young Farmers to the Show.

Obitus Media

Visual Tributes offer something unique to each service and allow friends and family to present the life of the deceased back to the guests through emotive imagery and music.

Demand for digital Visual Tributes within the chapel has grown quickly in recent years. Whereas in the past families would often place a simple photo at the front of the chapel, more and more chapels now have large display screens to play family photos or videos.

The tributes are often shown in the middle of the service, during a time of reflection. They can be very powerful and emotional, even for someone who did not know the deceased personally. Families are also increasingly requesting DVD copies of the Visual Tribute after the service, so they can watch it again.

Obitus can provide a full visual tribute service, from sourcing, installing and maintain the necessary large display screens in the chapel, to creating and delivering professional visual tributes made from family photographs.



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the continued support and business. We truly appreciate the confidence you place in us and we look forward to working with you and providing you with the best possible service in the future.

Since opening we continue to be overwhelmed with the level of gratitude we have received from the families we have been privileged to serve. It is our intention to continue to provide a level of service befitting the families of Romsey and further afield. With your continued help, advice and professionalism we are proud to say that we have already gone from strength to strength.

Thank you.

