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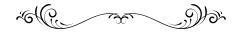




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Letter from the National President

Clive Pearson

Dear Members,

As we find ourselves in November, a month that holds profound significance, I feel compelled to reflect on the themes of remembrance and the work we do as funeral directors.

November is a time when we collectively pause to honour those who have served and sacrificed, particularly on Remembrance Sunday. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the impact of loss and the importance of commemorating lives lived.



In our profession, we navigate the delicate realm of grief and remembrance daily. Each funeral we conduct is not just a service, but a celebration of a life, a moment for family and friends to gather and share memories, to support one another, and to find comfort in the shared experience of loss. As funeral directors, we play a vital role in facilitating these moments, ensuring that each service reflects the individuality of the person being remembered and provides a fitting tribute to their life.

In our field, we engage each day with the sensitive matters of grief and commemoration.

On the 19th November, I had the honour of attending the funeral of Don Moar, our past president from 1990-1991. Don was a remarkable figure in our community, and his contributions to the Institute and the profession were significant. His service was a testament to the enduring legacy we all strive to uphold. As we remember Don, we also recognise the countless individuals who have touched our lives and the lives of those we serve.

As we approach the festive season, let us carry the spirit of remembrance into our celebrations. This time of year is often filled with joy and togetherness, but it can also bring a sense of longing for those who are no longer with us. I encourage each of you to embrace the memories of your loved ones while also finding joy in the company of family and friends.

Together, let us continue to support one another in our important work, ensuring that we honour the lives of those we serve with dignity and respect. I wish you all a peaceful November and look forward to a festive season filled with warmth and connection.

Clive Pearson

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DNA MEMORIAL: PRESERVING A LEGACY BEYOND MEMORY

Victoria Wells

Deputy Editor, Region C

The concept of a "DNA memorial" goes beyond traditional keepsakes like photos or jewellery. It is a modern practice that involves preserving a complete genetic sample of an individual for their family and future generations. In an era of rapidly advancing genetic science, this service offers a way to safeguard the most fundamental blueprint of a loved one's existence, creating a tangible, scientific legacy.



What is DNA Memorial and Legacy Banking?

DNA memorial services involve collecting a biological sample—often a cheek swab or a small tissue sample taken by a funeral professional and then processing it in a specialised lab. The pure DNA is extracted, purified, and preserved in a stable form, often within a small capsule or vial, designed for indefinite room-temperature storage.

This preserved genetic material serves two primary functions:

- 1. A Sentimental Keepsake: The DNA sample itself, often presented in an attractive capsule or incorporated into memorial products like jewellery or glass art, becomes a deeply personal and unique memento.
 - 2. A Genetic Legacy (DNA Banking): This is the core purpose—ensuring the individual's full genetic information is available for future use, decades or even centuries after their passing.

Preserving a loved one's DNA offers profound and long-lasting benefits that far exceed the emotional comfort of a physical keepsake.

Future Health Insights

This is arguably the most critical and practical reason for DNA banking. Genetic science is constantly discovering new links between DNA and disease. A banked sample can provide future generations with vital information:

 Hereditary Disease Risk: The sample can be analysed to identify markers for hereditary conditions (like certain cancers, Alzheimer's, or heart disease) that may not be detectable or known today.

- Personalised Medicine: Future doctors may use the information to determine a family member's optimal drug dosages or predict their response to specific treatments, leading to truly personalised healthcare.
- **Preventive Care**: Knowing a precise genetic risk allows descendants to take proactive and preventive measures early in life.

Genealogical and Ancestral Research

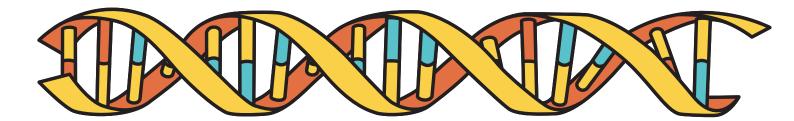
While major ancestry companies are challenging to use with post-mortem DNA, specialised memorial services clean and process the DNA to make it viable for future genealogical platforms.

- Filling the Gaps: The DNA secures an individual's link in the family tree, providing definitive evidence of ancestral origins, migration patterns, and familial connections for all future researchers.
 - **Proving Kinship**: It provides an indisputable source of truth for descendants needing to confirm a biological relationship for legal or personal reasons.

The Process: How DNA is Secured

The window for collecting a viable DNA sample is limited, especially if the loved one is to be cremated because the process, as we know, destroys all genetic material. There are four crucial stages to securing DNA:

- **1. Collection:** The process is typically facilitated by the funeral director. For a deceased individual, a small tissue sample is usually taken. For a living person banking their own DNA, a simple cheek swab is often sufficient.
 - **2. Extraction and Purification:** In the laboratory, the DNA is isolated from other cellular components and meticulously purified to ensure its quality.
 - **3. Preservation:** The purified DNA is suspended in a proprietary solution and sealed. Many reputable services use specialised methods that allow the sample to be stored at room temperature indefinitely, offering greater convenience and security than traditional deepfreezing.
- **4. Delivery**: The highly stable DNA capsule, along with a Certificate of Analysis, is returned to the family for storage in their home.



Before choosing a DNA memorial service, families should consider the following ethical and practical considerations:

Privacy and Consent

- Who owns the data? Ensure you understand the company's policy on data privacy. The family should maintain control over who can access and test the genetic material.
- **Informed Consent:** For post-mortem collection, ensure that collecting the sample aligns with the known or presumed wishes of the deceased.

Cost and Provider

- **Reputability:** Only use accredited, specialised laboratories that offer clear procedures and long-term storage guarantees. Be wary of providers offering basic keepsake jewellery without a certified banking service.
- Access and Testing: Confirm that the preservation method is compatible with future testing
 by standard genetic labs worldwide. The preserved sample should be re-hydratable and
 testable at any point.

A DNA memorial offers a way to transcend time, transforming a biological blueprint into a timeless, precious gift. It ensures that, while memories may fade, the fundamental essence of a loved one's existence remains, ready to inform, protect, and connect future generations.



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Because of her tireless efforts throughout her Presidential Year (Not to mention her Sky Diving!) Amanda has raised an incredible total of £6353.48 for her Charity, The Lullaby Trust.



Well Done Amanda!



Congratulations

Five of Sally Walton's students were recently awarded their Level 3, Certificate . Well done to each of them.



Reece Fry and he gained full-time employment as a Trainee Funeral Director, following his success, at A H
Cheater Ltd in Romsey.

Lucy Puxley, who works at Will, Case & Partners in Amesbury.

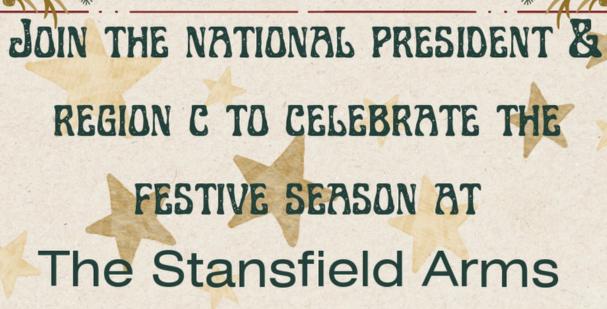




Wayne Kelly, who runs his own Company in Frome, Somerset.

Craig Kelly and Lucy Mackenzie, both of whom work in Amesbury with Lucy Puxley, also passed their Certificate course.





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rocket Skagen Toast prawn, red onion, crème fraîche, dill, toasted
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Salt & Pepper Calamari aioli Deep Fried Brie (V) winter berry chutney

Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey Crown served with all the trimmings (GF*)
Vegan Nut Roast (VE) served with vegan trimmings
Christmas Game Burger: beef and venison, smoked bacon, deep fried
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6- hour Porcini Short Rib; colcannon mash, red cabbage, glazed carrots Seabass Fillet crushed new potatoes, winter greens, lemon & caper berry butter sauce (GF*) Trio of Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie (v) buttered winter greens, chips

Steak & Ale Pie mashed potato, red cabbage & berry gravy Sirloin Steak +£5 served with chips and peppercorn, diane or béarnaise sauce (GF*)

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Traditional Christmas Pudding served with brandy sauce (VE*, GF*)

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Introducing Forever Flowers

by Danielle Green

I started Forever Flowers in 2019 in my mums garden shed, unfortunately I noticed the population of my home town Hereford lose a significant amount of babies over a matter of years, it truly broke my heart, and that's when I decided to do something about it by creating keepsakes you couldn't buy in shops, there isn't enough out there for angel babies, I wanted to bring comfort to parents & families by creating items personal to them and their angels,

I've gifted celebrities such as Ashley Cain and Safiyya Vorajee in memory of their angel baby Azaylia Diamond Cain, by creating personalised candles and a keepsake letterbox to heaven to they can write letters to her.

I've also gifted Paddy & Christine Mcguiness 3 autism boxes for their 3 Autistic children. Which I'm absolutely honoured to have been able to do.



In February 2025 I had a meeting with the management team at The Hereford crematorium on Westfaling Street HR4 0JE. Because I wanted to do more to help, so I thought of the idea of adding teddies to each Angela grave in the forget-me-not gardens there, however it come to my attention that it would upset some parents and families if I added things to their loved ones resting place.

Which I then come up with the idea of the "Teddy Box" and thought it would be a better idea if parents and families were to help themselves to these free teddies, to the angel babies who made them mothers, I wanted to bring comfort that Mother's Day.

It went extremely well, and I added the teddy box with 240 free teddies in from Wednesday 26th March till Wednesday 16th April 2025 giving parents and families enough time to help themselves.

This year unfortunately we understand there has been more angels added to the forget-me-not gardens which is why my goal this year is to add another 60 brining the total to 300 FREE teddies in the teddy box for every angel to have a Christmas teddy this year.







It has now been confirmed that every Christmas we can bring the teddy box to the Hereford crematorium, and give every angel a teddy for Christmas.



With the donations from the public and our social media they have all made this happen, which we then can purchase the teddies, plaques \mathcal{E} cellophane wrap,

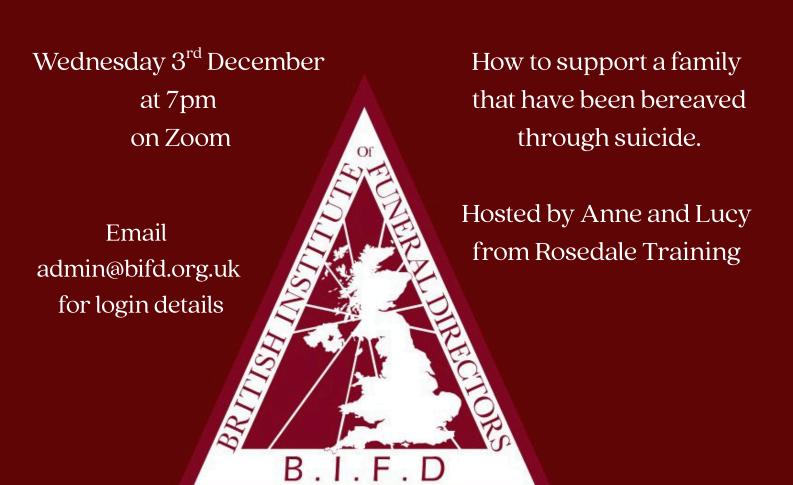
We are extremely grateful that we have been gifted 300 knitted hats from a local Facebook group called premature baby knits.

And couldn't possibly do this without everyone else's help, I really do appreciate it.



It's all about giving back and helping parents and families in need at such a hard time, the world needs to be a little kinder because we really don't know what others have been through.

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'Flying' Funeral Directors Achieve Soaring Success With Daring River Zipwire Challenge



The brave team from Malone & Fox Funeral Directors after their zipwire challenge

Glasgow's Malone & Fox Funeral Directors are feeling on cloud nine after raising $\mathfrak{L}2,757$ — smashing their original charity target — by crossing the River Clyde on a zipwire in aid of Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS).

The four-strong team traded their smart professional attire for safety harnesses and helmets, tackling an adrenaline-fuelled feat which involved zipping 380m (1,245ft) across the River Clyde from a height of 30m (100ft), cheered on by family, friends and colleagues.

The Rossendale Road, Glasgow-based funeral directors had hoped to raise $\mathfrak{L}1,000$ but managed to more than double their target to $\mathfrak{L}2,757$ by taking on the challenge.

While there were plenty of nerves on the day, the team overcame any fear of heights to raise the grand sum for the charity, which supports people in Scotland living with chest, heart and stroke conditions.

"Taking the leap was a bit scary," said Martin Brown, Funeral Director at Malone & Fox, "but we managed to put any fear aside for such a worthy cause. We're always looking for ways to give something back to our community, and CHSS is a charity that's very close to our hearts.

"We're thrilled to have raised more than double our target and thank everyone for their generous donations — we are now unofficially known as 'The Flying Funeral Directors'!"

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland provides vital support, rehabilitation, and community services to help people rebuild confidence and independence after illness. The funds raised by Malone & Fox will go directly towards life-changing services across the country.



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Funeral Directors Raise Money In Memory Of Batman Fan



A local funeral director has been pounding the streets as part of a fundraising initiative in memory of a young Batman fan who was cared for by Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

Lee Dimmock, Senior Funeral Director at WH Putnam Funeral Home, with offices in Kenton, Harrow, and Broadway, Edgware, notched up 13 walks covering a distance of 90 miles to raise at least £645 in donations — which will be matched, taking the total so far to £1,290.



Lee was inspired to put on his walking boots after conducting the Batman-themed funeral of a 15-year-old boy, Jack, who was known as 'Jackman' because of his love of the fictional superhero. He had been cared for by Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet.

The fundraising drive formed part of the hospice's 'From That Moment' campaign, designed to support families during life's most difficult times. Every donation made will be doubled, maximising the impact of contributions to the funeral director's charity initiatives.

Lee's walks took place during 'Steptember', a fundraising and fitness initiative, which encourages participants to walk throughout the month of September, in aid of Noah's Ark, which provides critical care, comfort and support to children and families when they need it



most.

Lee said: "Jack was a huge fan of Batman. The family had Batman capes custom-made for his funeral, each printed with his nickname, 'Jackman', which they and the WH Putnam team proudly wore. I also designed a special Batmanstyle coffin, which gave the family some comfort during an immensely sad time.

He added: "Jack was a truly special young boy who was a huge character and touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. We wanted to do this fundraiser in his memory to honour his life and support Noah's Ark Hospice, who provided such compassionate care to him and his family. We hope to help make a difference for other children and families in need."



To make a donation, visit:

https://www.charityextra.com/hub/noahsarkchildrenshospice/lee-dimmock

Three Types of Embalming and Time Considerations

By Sharon Meader MBIE -M & M Embalming Ltd (UK)

There are three primary types of embalming: straight cases, post mortem cases, and forensic post mortems. Each type presents its own unique circumstances and requirements, which can affect the overall process.

Most Common Question Regarding Embalming

The most frequently asked question from the booking funeral home, or as a general enquiry, is: "How long does an embalming take?" The honest answer is that it is impossible to provide a definitive time frame. The duration depends on a variety of factors and specific scenarios associated with each individual case.

The Three Main Types of Embalming Cases

In the following sections, I will discuss the three main types of embalming cases in more detail, outlining the distinguishing features and considerations of each type.

1- Straight Case Embalming

Straight case embalming refers to situations where a person has died and the death was anticipated.

Typically, this applies when the individual had been diagnosed with a terminal illness, was receiving end-oflife care, or had been seen by a doctor within the last 14 days in relation to the illness that ultimately led to
their death. In these cases, there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the passing.

Straight Case Embalming Procedure and Duration

In straight case embalming, the embalmer applies their anatomical expertise to the process by making small incisions into various arteries and veins. The specific vessels chosen will depend upon the individual circumstances and the condition of the deceased, which can also be influenced by the particular cause of death. This approach ensures that the procedure is tailored to suit each case.

The incisions made during the procedure are similar in nature to those used in keyhole surgery. After the embalming process is complete, these incisions are carefully sutured in a discreet manner to maintain the dignity and appearance of the deceased.

It is not possible to provide an exact time frame for the embalming process, as the duration can vary depending on several factors, most notably the condition of the deceased. However, it is generally estimated that embalming a straight case takes between 1 and 2.5 hours per individual.

Clothing Considerations for Straight Case Embalming

When preparing a straight case deceased for viewing or final arrangements, families are generally permitted to select regular clothing for their loved one. Standard attire is typically suitable and can be provided without concern, as there are no unusual requirements specific to straight case embalming. This allows families the freedom to choose garments that reflect the personality, style, or preferences of the deceased, contributing to a dignified and personal farewell.

2- Standard Post Mortem Embalming

Standard post mortem embalming is carried out when a person has died unexpectedly. This situation may arise as a result of an undiagnosed illness, when an individual has taken their own life, or in cases where the deceased has not seen a doctor in the 14 days prior to their passing in relation to the cause of death. In such circumstances, a post mortem examination maybe required to determine the cause of death.

Post Mortem Embalming: Embalming Procedure and Duration

When a deceased person has undergone a post mortem examination, this can unfortunately result in a delay before the family is able to see and spend time with their loved one. The post mortem procedure typically involves making an incision in both the torso and cranium, allowing for the removal of organs in order to determine the cause of death.

Diagrams illustrating different incision types will be provided at the end of this document for reference.

With a post mortem embalming, The procedure includes the re-opening of the torso and cranium, the removal of the organs that have previously been removed and analysed by the pathologist.

Applying their expertise the embalmer will remove the organs and treat them separately in a 'Viscera bag' then the process will be to continue to embalm using the arteries internally with an open chest, abdomen and cranium. Applying skill and knowledge to arteries within the cavities. A post mortem embalming can take anywhere from one to three hours to complete approximately

Types Of Post Mortem Incisions

During a post mortem examination, the type of incision made will depend on the specific area being examined. Typically, either an 'l' incision or a 'Y' incision is used. The choice between these incisions are determined by the requirements of the post mortem procedure and the anatomical region involved

Clothing Considerations For Post Mortem Embalming

When families are selecting clothing for a loved one who has undergone a post mortem examination, it is important to ensure they are informed about suitable attire. Due to the nature of the incisions made during the postmortem procedure, certain types of clothing may not be appropriate. Specifically, low-cut dresses or tops may not provide adequate coverage, as the incisions made by the pathologist can be visible. In such circumstances, it may be necessary to use a scarf or other accessory to ensure the deceased is appropriately dressed for viewing. It is therefore important to guide families towards choosing clothing that maintains the dignity of their loved one and provides suitable coverage.

3- Forensic Post Mortem Embalming

Embalming Procedure and Duration

A forensic post mortem is conducted when a death occurs under suspicious circumstances. In such cases, the procedure is carried out if there is any reason to suspect foul play. This ensures that all necessary evidence is preserved and the cause of death is thoroughly investigated, example murder.

In certain circumstances, a deceased individual who has undergone a forensic post mortem examination may be subject to the procedure being repeated. This can occur if required for criminal investigation purposes. The repetition of the forensic post mortem ensures that all possible evidence is thoroughly recovered and examined, thereby supporting the investigative process and ensuring that no detail is overlooked.

Embalming may proceed after the coroner releases the deceased, but cremation is only permitted once all investigations are complete; otherwise, only a burial is allowed.

The duration required to complete the embalming process in forensic cases varies considerably and is largely determined by the specific circumstances surrounding the cause of death. In some instances, embalming may be completed in as little as two hours. However, depending on the complexity of the case and the extent of examination taken place, the procedure can extend and occupy the entire day. The time frame is therefore highly variable and must be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Types of Incisions Made During Forensic Investigation

During a forensic investigation, the initial incision typically follows the pattern of a standard 'Y' incision. However, in these cases, the incision is often extended further, continuing up the neck and into the cranium in one continuous line. The precise extent of the incision depends on the suspected cause of death. In certain circumstances, the incision may also be carried on down the posterior aspect of the body, reaching as far as the buttocks to facilitate a thorough examination.

In addition to the main body incision, further incisions may be made on the arms or legs. These are performed when there is a need to obtain specific samples.

The procedure for embalming following a forensic postmortem examination adheres to the same fundamental steps as a standard postmortem embalming. However, it is significantly more time consuming. The detailed investigation undertaken during the forensic postmortem leaves the body in a much more delicate state.

Clothing Considerations For A Forensic Postmortem

The same considerations apply to a standard post mortem.

When families are selecting clothing for a loved one who has undergone a forensic post mortem examination, it is important to ensure they are informed about suitable attire. Due to the nature of the incisions made during the procedure, certain types of clothing may not be appropriate for viewing. It is therefore important to guide families towards choosing clothing that maintains the dignity of their loved one and provides suitable coverage.

Conclusion: Factors

Having outlined the three different types of embalming, it becomes clear why establishing a definitive time frame for the procedure can be challenging. The complexity and requirements of each case vary significantly, leading to differences in the amount of time needed to complete the embalming process. This variability is an important factor to consider, as it may also contribute to an increase in the overall cost of embalming. The more time and care required, the higher the price is likely to be, reflecting the additional effort involved in ensuring the deceased is prepared respectfully and appropriately.

Use of Cosmetics and Wax in Embalming

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MuchLoved Launches A Grants Scheme To Help Organisations That Work With Bereaved People



The MuchLoved Charitable Trust, part of the online tribute provider MuchLoved, is launching a scheme to offer small, flexible grants to organisations that provide grief support in their communities.

MuchLoved is committed to supporting bereaved families, in partnership with charities and funeral businesses. Through its Charitable Trust arm, MuchLoved supports bereavement projects that work with bereaved individuals or communities.

Catherine Betley, Head of Charity at MuchLoved, said: "Grief touches every community, but it's often the grassroots projects run by passionate changemakers that offer meaningful care, education and support. Whether you're providing peer support, exploring creative expression, developing educational materials or simply creating a safe space to grieve, your work matters. That's why we have developed a grant funding stream to help initiatives grow, sustain and reach those who need them."

Who is the scheme open to?

The grants scheme is open to UK-based organisations or initiatives with an income of less than £200k a year. Grants can be used to help with vital running costs during funding shortages, to pilot new ideas, or to expand the reach or capacity of a service to better serve the community.

How one funeral director has made a big difference

A recent recipient of a grant was Friends Together Bereavement Support Network, which offers bereaved people across Kent a chance to connect, share and heal in the company of others who truly understand. Friends Together was started by Abbey Funeral Services in 2007 and has since expanded to seven bereavement support groups in different locations. Initially serving the needs of bereaved older people, Friends Together now also supports younger people who have experienced loss.

Extending MuchLoved's Impact

The grants scheme reflects MuchLoved's purpose of helping bereaved people. Through the provision of grants, MuchLoved aims to extend its impact together with like-minded organisations in local communities, where opportunities for funding and support are often limited.

Organisations can arrange an informal discussion about their project with Catherine Betley, or request an application form by emailing support@muchloved.com. Information can also be found on https://www.muchloved.com.



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More details coming soon — but for now, save the date: 16th Sept 2026.

R.E. Tonkin & Son Upgrade Their Fleet With Volvo Hearse

R.E. Tonkin & Son, based in Cornwall, have recently enhanced their fleet with the addition of a 2020 Volvo Hearse supplied by Wilcox Limousines. The vehicle was meticulously prepared at the Wilcox factory in Wigan before being personally handed over in Cornwall by Southern Sales Representative, Tim Ocean.



Established in 1980 by Raymond Eric Tonkin, the business is now led by his grandson, Mark Tonkin, who continues to uphold the family's founding values of compassionate professionalism and personal service delivered with integrity and attention to detail.

Serving families throughout Cornwall and beyond, R.E. Tonkin & Son provide a comprehensive range of services, including the conveyance of the deceased both locally and nationally, as well as repatriation from all major UK airports.

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Bolton's Funeral Service Expand Their Mercedes Fleet

Bolton's Funeral Service have recently taken delivery of a new Mercedes E-Class W213 Limousine from Wilcox Limousines. The addition marks another step in the continued growth of their fleet as the firm looks ahead to future expansion.

Established in 1927, Bolton's Funeral Service remains a proudly independent, family-run business serving the local community with dedication and compassion. Now in its third generation, the firm is led by Directors John and Janet Bolton, who continue to uphold the high standards and personal values set by their family nearly a century ago.

The new Mercedes Limousine, built by Wilcox Limousines, reflects Bolton's ongoing investment in quality vehicles to support the families they serve.

Neil Carruthers, Wilcox Limousines Sales Representative, handing over the vehicle to John, Janet, Natasha and Keris.



Sadaqah Jariyah Bereavement Services Receive Bespoke Rise and Fall Deck



Wilcox Limousines recently had the pleasure of completing a truly bespoke project for Sadaqah Jariyah Bereavement Services, a custom-built rise and fall deck designed to meet the charity's specific needs.

The design process began with a detailed consultation, where the team at Sadaqah Jariyah sat down with Wilcox's sales representative to discuss exactly how they intended to use the vehicle and what would make their work more efficient. From those conversations, Wilcox developed a tailored solution that would best support the charity's funeral operations and reflect the care they show to every family they serve.

The finished deck features two distinct platforms, a standard black lower deck and a matt grey upper deck, offering flexibility for different uses during the preparation and transport of the deceased. Built-in storage compartments provide space for essential items such as shovels, which are used during traditional Muslim burials, allowing the team to carry out their duties with ease and dignity.

Sadaqah Jariyah Bereavement Services support the Muslim community across Kirklees, Calderdale, Bradford, Wakefield, Leeds and the surrounding areas. Operating as a registered charity, they rely entirely on volunteers and donations to provide vital services, from transport to burial arrangements.

Wilcox Limousines is proud to have worked closely with Sadaqah Jariyah Bereavement Services to design and build a practical, thoughtful, and truly bespoke solution to support their work.

Edwin Harris Funeral Services Take Delivery Of New Mercedes Vehicles

Edwin Harris Funeral Services have recently taken delivery of a new Mercedes E-Class Hearse and matching Limousine, supplied by Wilcox Limousines. The addition strengthens the firm's fleet and ensures families continue to receive the highest standards of service and presentation.

Established in 1893, Edwin Harris & Sons Ltd have been supporting families in Kidderminster and the surrounding areas for more than 130 years. The family-run firm is recognised for its professionalism and compassion, providing funeral services that reflect the wishes and traditions of each individual family.

Wilcox Limousines are pleased to support independent funeral directors such as Edwin Harris & Sons by supplying vehicles that uphold the quality, reliability and dignity the profession represents.





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