



# Derby City Council Bereavement Services

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# Overview

## **Bereavement Services are responsible for:-**

One Crematorium

Six Cemeteries

16 Closed Churchyards

## **Staffing**

Bereavement Services Manager

Operational Manager

Cemetery Supervisor

3 Cemetery Technicians

4 Crematorium Technicians

5 Bereavement Officers

# Plotbox

- Our Plotbox journey began with a demo in June 2021
- Funding approval required
- Procured September 2022
- Project team meetings began early November 2021
- Monthly project meetings
- Staff training began January 2023
- Go Live July 2023.
- Support ongoing.

# Friends of Nottingham Road Cemetery

- Establishing the Friends Group has been a long journey with many false starts
- Collaborative work with Neighbourhood Officer
- Support of local Councillor's and Funeral Directors
- Social Media
- Twice yearly open days
- Regular drop in events
- Regular grounds and litter picking events
- Nature walks

# Muslim Burial Provision

- Burials available 365 days per year
- Community choice of concrete burial chambers
- Last burial times: 3pm Winter months & 6pm Summer months.
- Bereavement Services on call to receive paperwork and oversee burial.
- Community Volunteers trained to open and seal concrete burial chambers
- Formation of Derby Muslim Burial Council 2020

# The Future

- Review of crematoria provision
- Medical Examiner
- Consultation with Muslim Community re future burial provision
- Further growth of Friends group
- Staff training to ensure future of service
- Sheena's retirement 😊



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# Thank you



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