



Report to: **Mansfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee**

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<b>Report Summary</b>	
<b>Type of report</b>	<b>Open Report</b>
<b>Report Title</b>	ANNUAL REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2026/27
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	This report shows the proposed fees and charges to be introduced from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the proposed cremation fee as shown in table 2 for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 be approved. The fee proposed for 2026/27 is £1,031, which has not increased since 2025/26. The medical referee fee of £19 will be added to these proposed standard cremation fees.</li><li>2. That the proposed standard cremation fees as shown in table 2 for 2027/28 and 2028/29 be approved in principle. The standard cremation fees proposed are: 2026/27 £1,031, 2027/28 £1,031 and 2028/29 £1,031. The medical referee fee of £19 will be added to these proposed standard cremation fees.</li><li>3. That the proposed fees and charges for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, as set out in Appendix 1 are approved.</li></ol>

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The fees and charges as set out in Appendix 1 show the proposed fees and charges for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.
- 1.2 The standard cremation fee increase for 2025/26 was 5%.
- 1.3 The options for adjusting fees and charges comprise:
  - Increase to cover a general inflationary increase
  - Increase to cover a specific inflationary increase
  - Increase or decrease to achieve the Committee's priorities
  - Change to reflect market conditions
  - Change to reflect actual cost of service
  - Change to generate additional real income

Where there has been a change in the level of fees and charges, the basis (as per the above list) has been identified in Appendix 1.

- 1.4 Charges are generally rounded to the nearest 50 pence or £1.
- 1.5 The types of cremation fees listed in Appendix 1, include only the types of cremation in demand. These still include the option to have either a peak, off peak, weekend or direct cremation.
- 1.6 The fees and charges put forward have been used in calculating the proposed budgets for 2026/27 and changes to this would result also in changes to those budgets.
- 1.7 The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which provides the measure for inflation, was at 3.8% at September 2025. The Bank of England Monetary Policy Report stated that inflation has fallen back significantly since its peak of over 11% in 2022. Inflation has increased again recently, but by a much smaller amount. It is likely to rise to around 4% in the next few months, partly because of higher food prices. The committee expects it to start falling back towards our 2% target after that.
- 1.8 Table 1 below compares the 2024/25 adult standard cremation fees for the crematoria in our region and the number of cremations undertaken in the 2023 and 2024 calendar years. Please note that the number of cremations data are extracts from the Cremation Society of Great Britain web site.

**Table 1**

Crematorium	Adult Standard Cremation Fee 2024/25	Number of Cremations 2023	Number of Cremations 2024
Barnby Moor - Retford	<b>£875.00</b>	1,344	1,645
Derby	<b>£882.00</b>	1,932	1,857
Wilford Hill - Nottingham (non-city residents)	<b>£889.00</b>	1,440	1,169
Bramcote	<b>£925.00</b>	2,318	2,307
Babworth - Retford	<b>£965.00</b>	1,976	2,350
<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>£969.00</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>1,990</b>
Chesterfield	<b>£975.00</b>	2,188	2,072
Gedling	<b>£1,020.00</b>	2,431	2,308
Amber Valley - Swanwick	<b>£1,020.00</b>	1,453	1,601
Sherwood Forest - Ollerton	<b>£1,050.00</b>	1,603	1,273
Grantham	<b>£1,220.00</b>	1,140	1,030
<b>TOTAL Number of Cremations</b>		<b>20,036</b>	<b>19,602</b>

Within the local area the Mansfield Crematoria is the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest in price for an adult standard cremation fee for 2024/25.

- 1.9 Data obtained from the Cremation Society as at 1 January 2025 states that of the 334 Crematoria in the UK, Mansfield is the 213th lowest in price for a basic cremation (202<sup>nd</sup> lowest at 1 January 2024).
- 1.10 Table 2 below shows no fee increase proposed for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29. This is due to refurbishment of the Crematorium, which is predicted to start in 2026/27.

**Table 2**

	Approved	No increase			
		2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £
Cremation fee	1,031.00	1,031.00	1,031.00	1,031.00	1,031.00
Medical referees fee	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>

- 1.11 The cremation and medical referee's fee for a standard cremation proposed for 2026/27 is £1,050.
- 1.12 Table 3 below shows alternative percentage increases to the standard cremation fee for 2026/27 and the additional forecasted income that the higher percentage increases would generate.

**Table 3**

	Percentage increases to the 2025/2026 Cremation Fee					
	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
Standard Cremation Fee	£1,083	£1,093	£1,103	£1,113	£1,124	£1,134
Forecasted Number of Cremations	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Forecasted Cremation Fee Income	£1,948,590	£1,967,148	£1,985,706	£2,004,264	£2,022,822	£2,041,380
<b>Forecasted Additional Income if % rise Increased</b>		<b>£18,558</b>	<b>£37,116</b>	<b>£55,674</b>	<b>£74,232</b>	<b>£92,790</b>

1.13 No increase is recommended within this report.

1.14 The income received from the standard cremation fees for the financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25 is shown in table 4 below:

**Table 4**

Year	Standard Cremation Fee	Number of Cremations per annum	Income Received	Annual Increase/-decrease
2022/23	£858.00	2,374	£1,913,995	£103,494
2023/24	£923.00	2,144	£1,848,495	-£65,501
2024/25	£969.00	1,991	£1,784,428	-£64,067

The income received totals above include income for standard cremations as well as other cremation types that attract discounted fee rates.

1.15 Table 5 below shows the standard cremation fee proposed for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29. The number of cremations forecast for 2026/27 is 1,800 per annum, 2027/28 is 1,800 and 28/29 is 1,800 due to the opening of a crematorium in Shirebrook.

**Table 5**

Year	Standard Cremation Fee Proposed	Increase in Cremation Fee	Number of Cremations	Annual Income Forecast
2026/27	£1,031.00	£0	1,800	£1,855,800
2027/28	£1,031.00	£0	1,800	£1,855,800
2028/29	£1,031.00	£0	1,800	£1,855,800

1.16 During January to December 2025 Mansfield Crematorium carried out 1,991 cremations.

1.17 Amendments to the proposed fees and charges can be suggested. However, the impact on the proposed revenue and capital budgets for 2026/27 – 2027/28 and the reserves of the JCC needs to be considered.

## 2.0 RISK ASSESSMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPTIONS

Risk	Risk Assessment	Risk Level	Risk Management
Financial -That the figures contained within the proposed fees and charges are inaccurate	That the calculations have been made incorrectly. There is a great deal of work involved in bringing the information together and errors may occur	Medium	A quality check is undertaken throughout the process and errors identified.
Reputational – That the proposed fees damage the reputation of the Joint Crematorium Committee	Work is undertaken to review all UK crematoria fees and annual increases and as well as those Crematoria operating within our region.	Low	The proposals are in line with the Joint Crematorium Committees corporate priorities

## 3.0 Proposal/Options Considered and Reasons for Recommendation

That this report is directly aligned to ensuring effective management of the Crematorium.

## 4.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

## Background Papers and Published Documents

Comparison fees and charges and number of cremations carried out have been obtained from the Cremation Society.

## Appendix 1

MANSFIELD CREMATORIUM FEES	APPROVED FEES AND CHARGES 2025/2026			Estimated 5% INFLATION INCREASE 2026/2027			PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FROM 1 APRIL 2026 TO 31 MARCH 2027				
	Net	VAT	Total Fee	Alternative increase			Net	VAT	Total Fee	VAT	Basis of Increase Approved
				5.0%		Inflated Total Fee					
<b>CREMATION FEES</b>											
Adult Cremation - This is for a 45-minute-long funeral held at peak time on a weekday (10am onwards)	£1,031.00	£0.00	£1,031.00	£0.00		£1,031.00	£1,031.00	£0.00	£1,031.00	£0.00	EXEMPT
Surcharge for a Saturday Service	£133.00	£0.00	£133.00	£6.65		£139.65	£139.65	£0.00	£140.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Adult Cremation - Multiple Funerals - Where more than one funeral will take place in the same chapel, at the same time. This is the fee for the second/third etc. coffins only.	£806.00	£0.00	£806.00	£40.30		£846.30	£846.30	£0.00	£846.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Adult Cremation - This is for a 30-minute-long funeral held at an off-peak time on a weekday (8:30, 8:45, 9:15, 9:30)	£806.00	£0.00	£806.00	£40.30		£846.30	£846.30	£0.00	£846.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Adult Direct Cremation- Attended or Unattended Allowance of 15 minutes within the chapel and a maximum of 20 attendees – Only available at off-peak time on a weekday (8:30, 8:45, 9:15, 9:30)	£441.00	£0.00	£441.00	£22.05		£463.05	£463.05	£0.00	£463.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Child under the age of 18 years but over 24 weeks gestation during pregnancy (Government recharge to the Children's Funeral Fund)	£232.00	£0.00	£232.00	£11.60		£243.60	£243.60	£0.00	£244.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Part Body Cremation	£232.00	£0.00	£232.00	£11.60		£243.60	£243.60	£0.00	£244.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
<b>Each cremation is subject to:</b>											
A medical referees fee (Chargeable Per Cremation)	£19.00	£0.00	£19.00	£0.00		£19.00	£19.00	£0.00	£19.00	£0.00	EXEMPT
<b>The above Cremation Fees include:</b>											
o The use of the crematorium chapel and chapel assistant.											
o The provision of recorded music during the funeral service (CD or Obitus Media System)											
o Preparation and strewing of cremated remains within our crematorium Garden of Remembrance or the provision of a biodegradable box and cremation certificate if ashes are to be returned to their loved ones. Alternatively, we can take care of the ashes free of charge for 1 month (additional fees will apply thereafter)											
o Administration of recording and registering the cremation											
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	Net	VAT	Total Fee	5.0%		Inflated Total Fee	Net	VAT	Total Fee	VAT	Basis of Increase Approved
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CREMATION FEES</b>											
The use of crematorium organ and organists fee (use of organ 1/3 of fee - organists fee 2/3 of fee)	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00	£2.80		£58.80	£58.80	£0.00	£59.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
The use of the chapel for an extended service/or additional time fee	£182.00	£0.00	£182.00	£9.10		£191.10	£191.10	£0.00	£191.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
The use of the chapel only (memorial or service elsewhere)	£337.00	£0.00	£337.00	£16.85		£353.85	£353.85	£0.00	£354.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
The strewing of remains cremated from elsewhere	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00	£3.50		£73.50	£73.50	£0.00	£74.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Retention of cremated remains - fee per month	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	£1.30		£27.30	£27.30	£0.00	£27.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Register search - fee per year searched	£13.00	£2.60	£15.60	£0.78		£16.38	£16.38	£2.67	£16.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>CONTAINERS</b>											
The supply of an additional bio box if required	£19.00	£0.00	£19.00	£0.95		£19.95	£19.95	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
Additional infant biodegradable baby heart box	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00	£1.20		£25.20	£25.20	£0.00	£25.00	£0.00	EXEMPT To cover general inflation
<b>ASH VAULTS</b>											
For the interment of cremated remains only:											
Vault with inscribed granite tablet and 10-year lease (holds 4 sets of remains)	£1,237.00	£247.40	£1,484.40	£74.22		£1,558.62	£1,558.62	£259.83	£1,559.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 10 year lease	£695.00	£139.00	£834.00	£41.70		£875.70	£875.70	£146.00	£876.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation
Replacement granite tablet	£338.00	£67.60	£405.60	£20.28		£425.88	£425.88	£71.00	£426.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation
Vault with inscribed granite tablet and 10-year lease (holds 2 sets of remains)	£688.00	£137.60	£825.60	£41.28		£866.88	£866.88	£144.50	£867.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 10 year lease	£344.00	£68.80	£412.80	£20.64		£433.44	£433.44	£72.17	£433.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation
Replacement granite tablet	£344.00	£68.80	£412.80	£20.64		£433.44	£433.44	£72.17	£433.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation
Photo or artwork added to vault tablet				POE							
Underground Vault renewal of 10 year lease	£344.00	£68.80	£412.80	£20.64		£433.44	£433.44	£72.17	£433.00	£0.00	SR To cover general inflation



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	Net	VAT	Total Fee	5%	Inflated Total Fee	Net	VAT	Total Fee	VAT	Basis of Increase Approved
<b>MEMORIALS</b>										
<b>CARDS</b>										
<b>Book of Remembrance:</b>										
Entries in Book of Remembrance - fee per line	£47.00	£9.40	£56.40	£2.82	£59.22	£59.22	£9.83	£59.00	£59.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>Digital Book of Remembrance:</b>										
Swipe card	£23.00	£4.60	£27.60	£1.38	£28.98	£28.98	£4.83	£29.00	£29.00	SR To cover general inflation
Additional pages/photos loaded onto swipe card (price per item)	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	£4.50	£94.50	£94.50	£15.83	£95.00	£95.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>Miniature Book of Remembrance:</b>										
Miniature Book of Remembrance + minimum of 2 lines inscription	£93.00	£18.60	£111.60	£5.58	£117.18	£117.18	£19.50	£117.00	£117.00	SR To cover general inflation
Fee per extra line	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00	£1.20	£25.20	£25.20	£4.17	£25.00	£25.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>Memorial Card:</b>										
Memorial card and minimum of 2 lines inscription	£41.00	£8.20	£49.20	£2.46	£51.66	£51.66	£8.67	£52.00	£52.00	SR To cover general inflation
Fee per extra line	£19.00	£3.80	£22.80	£1.14	£23.94	£23.94	£4.00	£24.00	£24.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>VASE BLOCKS</b>										
10 year lease	£633.00	£126.60	£759.60	£37.98	£797.58	£797.58	£133.00	£798.00	£798.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 10 year lease	£288.00	£57.60	£345.60	£17.28	£362.88	£362.88	£60.50	£363.00	£363.00	SR To cover general inflation
Double plaque or new inscription	£181.00	£36.20	£217.20	£10.86	£228.06	£228.06	£38.00	£228.00	£228.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>BRONZE KERB PLAQUE</b>										
5 year lease	£337.00	£67.40	£404.40	£20.22	£424.62	£424.62	£70.83	£425.00	£425.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 5 year lease	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00	£8.10	£170.10	£170.10	£28.33	£170.00	£170.00	SR To cover general inflation
Double plaque or new inscription	£112.00	£22.40	£134.40	£6.72	£141.12	£141.12	£23.50	£141.00	£141.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>MEMORIAL TREE WITH A 10 YEAR LEASE</b>										
With a wooden backed perspex plaque	£926.00	£185.20	£1,111.20	£55.56	£1,166.76	£1,166.76	£194.50	£1,167.00	£1,167.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 10 year lease	£281.00	£56.20	£337.20	£16.86	£354.06	£354.06	£59.00	£354.00	£354.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>MEMORIAL ROSE BUSH OR SHRUB WITH A 5 YEAR LEASE</b>										
With a perspex plaque with backing	£338.00	£67.60	£405.60	£20.28	£425.88	£425.88	£71.00	£426.00	£426.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 5 year lease	£169.00	£33.80	£202.80	£10.14	£212.94	£212.94	£35.50	£213.00	£213.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>MEMORIAL ROSE BED</b>										
Renewal of 5 year Lease	£563.00	£112.60	£675.60	£33.78	£709.38	£709.38	£118.17	£709.00	£709.00	SR To cover general inflation
Perspex plaque replacement or new inscription for a living memorial	£169.00	£33.80	£202.80	£10.14	£212.94	£212.94	£35.50	£213.00	£213.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>NEW MEMORIALS</b>										
Wooden Bench 10 year lease	£929.00	£185.80	£1,114.80	£55.74	£1,170.54	£1,170.54	£195.17	£1,171.00	£1,171.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 10 year lease	£476.00	£95.20	£571.20	£28.56	£599.76	£599.76	£100.00	£600.00	£600.00	SR To cover general inflation
Replacement plaque or new inscription	£169.00	£33.80	£202.80	£10.14	£212.94	£212.94	£35.50	£213.00	£213.00	SR To cover general inflation
Granite bench with inscribed plaque	£1,514.00	£302.80	£1,816.80	£90.84	£1,907.64	£1,907.64	£318.00	£1,908.00	£1,908.00	SR To cover general inflation
Multiple plaque bench 10 year lease	£413.00	£82.60	£495.60	£24.78	£520.38	£520.38	£86.67	£520.00	£520.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>MUSHROOM PLAQUE</b>										
Mushroom plaque inscribed - 5 year lease	£271.00	£54.20	£325.20	£16.26	£341.46	£341.46	£56.83	£341.00	£341.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 5 year lease	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00	£8.10	£170.10	£170.10	£28.33	£170.00	£170.00	SR To cover general inflation
Replacement Mushroom Plaque	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00	£8.10	£170.10	£170.10	£28.33	£170.00	£170.00	
<b>BABY MEMORIALS</b>										
Tower plaque inscribed with 10-year lease	£413.00	£82.60	£495.60	£24.78	£520.38	£520.38	£86.67	£520.00	£520.00	SR To cover general inflation
Shared baby bench plaque with 10-year lease	£413.00	£82.60	£495.60	£24.78	£520.38	£520.38	£86.67	£520.00	£520.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 10 year lease	£206.00	£41.20	£247.20	£12.36	£259.56	£259.56	£43.33	£260.00	£260.00	SR To cover general inflation
Replacement plaque/new inscription	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00	£8.10	£170.10	£170.10	£28.33	£170.00	£170.00	SR To cover general inflation
<b>MEMORIAL TREE</b>										
Memorial Tree leaf inscribed- 5 year lease	£225.00	£45.00	£270.00	£13.50	£283.50	£283.50	£47.33	£284.00	£284.00	SR To cover general inflation
Renewal of 5 year lease	£112.00	£22.40	£134.40	£6.72	£141.12	£141.12	£23.50	£141.00	£141.00	SR To cover general inflation
Replacement leaf/new inscription	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00	£4.20	£88.20	£88.20	£14.67	£88.00	£88.00	SR To cover general inflation