

Birches Remembrance Park and Crematorium



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REMEMBRANCE PARK AND CREMATORIUM



A Guide to Our Services

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Our Services

- > Bespoke funeral & memorial services in conjunction with the funeral director
- > Modern & welcoming hall of remembrance
- > One hour minimum between services
- > Experienced team providing excellent standards of care and support
- > Opportunities to truly personalise the service
- > Personalised Audio / Visual tributes
- > Live & 'watch again' webcasting of the service available
- > Pre & Post-funeral catering
- > Direct cremation & simple funeral services available
- > Landscaped gardens open to visitors all year round
- > Outdoor services & commemorations
- > Wide range of memorial options
- > Annual service of remembrance



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Bespoke funeral services

Welcome to Birches Remembrance Park & Crematorium where our client-focussed approach means we work hand-in-hand with funeral directors to tailor make services to uniquely celebrate the life of your loved one.



Services at Birches are set at least 60 minutes apart, to allow families ample time for the service without feeling rushed. Throughout our hall of remembrance and additional seating areas, we can comfortably accommodate up to 150 people seated with further room for those standing. As well as our standard layout, we are able to accommodate alternative seating arrangements where required, please feel free to discuss any personal requirements with us.

Opportunities to truly personalise the service



We are proud to have an inspiring hall of remembrance where services take place as well as beautiful gardens that provide the ideal environment to return to after the funeral and have time to reflect in comforting, natural surroundings.

During the service, our two 86" screens are able to display a photograph of your loved one with their name displayed free of charge. For an additional fee, they can display a slideshow either playing throughout the service or perfectly-timed to a piece of music at a moment of reflection; or even any family-made videos (48+ hours notice required for tributes).

Our professional media team are able to source any commercially-available music to be played through our high-quality sound system. In addition, any family-made recordings can be played by prior arrangement and we are also able to accommodate live performances where required.

By request, we can also arrange for the funeral service to be broadcast live securely online for those unable to be here in person and able to stream again for 28-days afterwards

Upon leaving the funeral service, we provide keepsake candles for mourners to take home and light in memory and with advance notice can provide specific colours if needed.



Experienced team & excellent standards of care

At Birches, we pride ourselves in our highly trained and experienced team who pride themselves in the care and standards of service provided to the bereaved. The combination of many years experience in both providing funerals and professional gardening results in a truly unique and high quality experience for those visiting us.

Landscaped gardens & Outdoor services



Funerals nowadays are becoming much more of a personalised celebration of life. Here at Birches we can accommodate outdoor funeral or memorial services in our beautiful landscaped gardens, with or without refreshments and a family gathering in the grounds afterwards.



If the great British weather gets in the way of proceedings outdoors, our indoor hall of remembrance will always be on standby if needed.



Pre & Post-funeral catering

For those wishing for additional time before or after the service, we can offer the use of our gardens (weather-permitting) or our flower room adjoining the chapel for gatherings with or without catering. We can provide an additional hour either before or after the service to accommodate this, depending on your personal requirements however, we do request that catering is booked via the funeral director at the time of arranging the funeral to ensure sufficient time is allowed.

Breakfast Option

For services in the morning, we offer a selection of sweet pastries with tea & coffee which can be enjoyed either before or after the service takes place.



Afternoon Selection

Services in the afternoon can be followed by a light buffet including a selection of sandwiches, mini savoury bites, sausage rolls or pork pies, and cakes or a fruit platter along with tea & coffee.



An option of Tea & Coffee only after a funeral is also available. These options are also available following a memorial service or scattering/interment of ashes. If you prefer to arrange your own caterer, this is possible for an additional charge.

Direct Cremation & Simple Farewell Options

A full traditional funeral service isn't always the right option for everyone's personal wishes. As a result, we provide simpler options to allow you to remember your loved one in a way they, and you, would prefer.

Direct Cremation

Direct or unattended cremation is where the person who has passed away is brought into the care of Birches Crematorium either by the Funeral Director or our team.

A piece of music (which can be requested) is played during an unwitnessed committal in our hall of remembrance before the cremation is carried out and the ashes available for collection from the crematorium or funeral director; or ready for any other memorial option chosen.

Many families choose to hold a gathering elsewhere after the cremation is carried out, either with or without the ashes, to mark the life of the person they have lost. Our grounds and facilities are available for this use upon request.



The Simple Farewell

This option is for those who may wish for the low-key, dignified farewell of a direct cremation but with a chance for others to attend to say goodbye in person.

It includes use of the chapel for 15 minutes for up to 20 mourners.

No celebrant or minister can be in attendance for this option however a piece of entry and exit music can be played and/or a musical photographic 'pro-tribute' displayed on the screens.

This morning service taking place between 9am-9.30am gives the mourners attending chance to travel onwards to continue sharing memories later that day at a venue of their choosing.



Landscaped gardens open to visitors year-round

The grounds here at Birches are open 365 days a year. They are to be enjoyed before or after a funeral or even on anniversaries, birthdays or other important dates.

Our gardening team take pride in creating a beautiful and welcoming space and hope that it's able to bring comfort at what can be a very difficult time.

Do feel free to visit, take a walk around or a seat on a bench. During office hours there are always refreshments in our reception area so feel free to call in!



Memorial Options

We understand that in the years ahead you may wish for a special place for you and your family to visit to reflect and pay your respects to those lost.

As well as being able to scatter ashes within our remembrance park, we also offer a wide range of memorials to choose from.

These include stone, steel and living memorials as well as jewellery and other bespoke options.



**Living
Memorials**



**Stone
Memorials**



**Rose
Garden**



**Steel
Memorials**



**Private
Gardens**



Jewellery

Living Memorials

We can offer a number of tree and shrub species in our accommodating grounds. Each living memorial comes with either a brass plaque or engraved stone containing wording of your choice, enabling easy identification and a place for reflection throughout the seasons.

Your memorial will be maintained throughout the year with regular checks by our team of expert gardeners and appropriate aftercare carried out (including pruning where needed and mulching annually).

Trees

As the remembrance park develops over the years and seasons, more and different trees will be planted in various positions around the gardens. Contact us to arrange a walk with a member of the team to discuss and view the selection of memorial trees currently on offer.

We cap the numbers of each tree to ensure that it has space to grow and support the local habitat for many years to come. Our species list of trees on site currently includes Hazel, Oak, Field Maple, Crab Apple, Birch and Rose.

We like to focus on native species and grow our trees in areas suitable for each species to ensure they have a long and healthy life, whilst supporting our local wildlife such as birds, bees and butterflies.



Shrub Garden

Nestled in a sunny corner of the garden, our memorial shrub borders are edged with inscribed personalised boulders as a beautiful area for ashes to be scattered.

Planted for year-round interest, these areas are a pleasant space to mark the life of someone held dear.



Stone Memorials

Designed to fit in with the natural landscape and enjoying a prime location beside our reflective pond, our stone memorials offer something a little different to a traditional headstone.

Nestled beneath tumbling waterside Geraniums that edge our water inspired borders, the stones can have loved ones' ashes interred beneath or scattered into the surrounding herbaceous planting.



Our stones have been hand selected for their smooth organic shapes and hard surfaces from British quarries by our engravers.

This is to ensure a lasting piece that will weather well in the sometimes wet and windy Cheshire plain.



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Rose Garden

Situated by the wisteria-covered pergola, our memorial rose garden features various types of rose in vibrant colours giving off a beautiful fragrance in a popular location within the gardens.

Ashes can be interred under a rose with a brass plaque and personalised inscription placed. Alternatively, ashes can be scattered elsewhere and the rose be planted as a focal point to visit on special dates or simply whenever you would like some reflective time to remember your loved ones.



Steel Memorials

With our surrounding gardens being a place of floaty perennials and grasses providing dynamic movement, we are proud to offer these beautiful memorial sculptures designed and produced by a local Northwich artist.



Lining our memorial walk, each one is hand made in her studio using corten steel, crafted to produce stylised seed heads of some of our much-loved plants. The seed pod itself allows space to hold the ashes of loved ones to symbolise the cycle of life and the ebb and flow of the seasons. Each comes with a memorial plaque and a small plot around it with space for a few choice flowers or bulbs which can be customised to reflect your particular memories and preferences.

The material itself is weather-proof and hard wearing to the elements but also evolves over time, taking on a rich rust colour with each passing year.

We currently have a select sample but are looking to expand and evolve this over time to reflect the needs of those coming to visit our tranquil site.

If you would like a bespoke seed or flower head, please get in touch.



Private Gardens

Nestled in a quiet corner of the grounds, the private family gardens are small rustic areas where you can work with our gardens team to design an individual section to reflect your wishes and the life of your loved one.

From a specific colour or a favourite flower, the gardens will be a personal tribute where ashes can be interred and an engraved stone placed to mark somewhere special to visit on birthdays and other important dates.

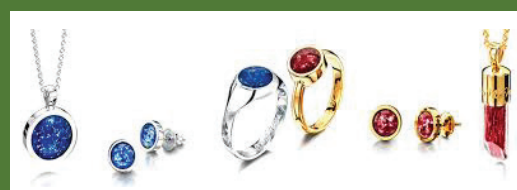


Jewellery

When someone you loves becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. We work with Ashes into Glass, the leading creator of ashes jewellery for bereaved families within the UK.

A small amount of ashes is taken and then used to create a beautiful item of jewellery using traditional methods combining the ashes, colouring and glass.

The metal can be 9 carat gold, white gold or sterling silver and engraved with your own personal message to remind you of your loved one.



Caring Staff and High Standards of Customer Care

At Birches Remembrance Park and Crematorium you can always be assured of the highest standards of service.

We have highly trained staff and are determined to provide a friendly, caring service to all our funeral directors and bereaved families. Excellence in customer care is central to the standards we wish to achieve for all our clients.

Feel free to arrange a visit. You will be warmly welcomed with refreshments and a tour of the facilities. We are here to assist in the provision of the very best service at what can be a difficult time.

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Our wonderful olive tree is central to our landscape. Throughout history the symbol of the olive tree has often been associated with Peace, Wisdom, Fertility, Prosperity, Immortality and Peace.



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