Crematorium scheme supports local hospice

The Oaks, Havant Crematorium has donated £3473 to Rowan’s Hospice, following a share of funds from a national recycling scheme that the crematorium belongs to.

The Oaks, which was opened by The Southern Co-operative in December 2013, belongs to a metals recycling scheme run by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM). Roddy McGinley, The Oaks Crematorium Manager, explained: “It’s important to understand that the recycling of metals following a cremation of a deceased person is only done with the written consent of each bereaved family. Following a cremation, the cremated remains may contain metals from orthopaedic implants such as hip and knee replacement joints as well as items used in the construction of the coffin. This metal, always with the bereaved family’s approval, is recycled by ICCM with proceeds shared between its members to donate to a charity of their choice. For us, it was important to support Rowan’s Hospice as a local charity.”

The ICCM believes that its members and the bereaved are able to make a difference with this recycling scheme, both in environmental terms and also in the care of the bereaved through all proceeds being donated to charity. Roddy added: “The Oaks crematorium was built to the highest environmental standards and this scheme fits well with this and The Southern Co-operative’s ethos of caring for our community.” Roddy is also the current National President of ICCM.

Ali George, Corporate and Trust Relations at the Rowan’s Hospice, said: “The Rowans Hospice is delighted to have been nominated by The Oaks to receive a donation from The Institute of Crematorium Management. £3,473 is a significant donation, the equivalent of supporting seven patients requiring in-patient care at The Rowans Hospice. With 19 in-patient beds, The Hospice provides excellent palliative care services, caring for over 350 individuals each year who need help with symptom control, respite or end of life care. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone on the team who nominated the Hospice to receive this donation.”

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