Headway Suffolk can do more work helping local families – thanks to a national recycling scheme supported by Ipswich Borough Council.

After each cremation, and with the agreement of the family, the metals from the coffin, along with orthopaedic implants, are recycled. The scheme is endorsed by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management.

A cheque for £4,444 was presented to Headway Suffolk’s Chief Executive Officer, Helen Fairweather, by Councillor Sophie Meudec, Portfolio-holder for Bereavement Services.

Headway Suffolk’s aims are to provide rehabilitation and care for adults with a neurological condition and to offer their families, friends or carers respite, support and advice.

Helen Fairweather said: “This kind donation will be used to support people with a neurological condition living in Ipswich. We are going to put the £4,444 you donated to us towards the costs of our counsellors and nurses who help to save lives and re-build them.”

Headway Suffolk offers a bespoke 24 / 7 service to people with a neurological condition and their families.

Councillor Meudec said: "This is always going to be a sensitive issue, so we are part of a national recycling scheme that enables us to nominate organisations for a donation as all of the proceeds go to bereavement-based charities. I am certain that bereaved families would be reassured to know that this money is supporting such an important and worthwhile cause that brings comfort and support to so many people."

Caption: Councillor Sophie Meudec (left) presents a cheque to Headway Suffolk’s Helen Fairweather. With them is the Council’s Bereavement & Parks Manager Steve Kemp

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