WELCOME DONATION: Janet Ridley, from Willow Burn Hospice, receives the cheque from Graham Harrison, left, and Owen Temple

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Crematorium helps hospice

METALS left from the cremation process are helping fund a hospice’s work.

Mountsett Crematorium, near Dipton, County Durham, joined a national scheme to recycle the metal from casket fittings and surgical implants, such as hip joints.

The crematorium, owned by Durham County and Gateshead councils and overseen by a joint committee of councillors, obtained the consent of relatives.

Yesterday, committee chairman Owen Temple and bereavement services manager Graham Harrison gave a cheque for £4,000 to Willow Burn Hospice, Lancaster.

Councillor Temple said: “I cannot think of a more generous response from grieving relatives, or a better use for this money to be put to, than caring for those who are grievously ill.”