

ICCM Charter for the Bereaved choosing Natural Burial

Adoption process.

From October 1st 2013 it will be possible to register an interest in adopting the Charter. The first thing to do is to obtain a copy of the Charter, this can be downloaded from the Institute web site www.iccm-uk.com. Along with other useful documents this can be found under the 'natural burial' tag on the main page. Copies will be available at Convention.

The next step, having read the Charter, is to email Julie.callender@iccm-uk.com including the following information:

Name of the burial ground

Name of the owner

Main contact details (email address, telephone number, address)

Type of site (private, municipal, trust etc)

(Those at Convention can register directly at the ICCM stand)

The Institute will then send you the Assessment Process document. Remember this is a tool for your own use, it is not a competition; not all process question will apply to you; but there should be a significant number of elements that you can adopt to bring you up to the minimum standard (many facilities will achieve this without having to make changes). The key aim is for you to identify service improvements relevant to your facility. Full support will be available from the Institute for the completion of this process. Upon return of the completed document with the associated fee, gold, silver and bronze awards will be presented. 10% of returns may be validated in any given year. This entails a site visit from a fellow professional; rather than being a daunting occasion this is almost always a positive experience. Upon the award of Charter status you will be sent a certificate of achievement which should be prominently displayed at your facility. Charter members will be identified on the searchable database on the ICCM website.

One of the key elements to Charter adoption is the creation of the 'narrative' document recommended by the Charter, the ANBG and the Ministry of Justice. In order to achieve some standardisation to enable the public to choose the right burial facility for them, the Institute has produced a *pro forma* document, downloadable from the website. A series of one day seminars is planned where help compiling this document will be given. The Institute will hold copies of these documents and/or provide links to them via the database.

For more details contact the Institute.