

ICCM Metal Recycling Scheme

Sample press release after donation

[Insert Authority/Company] has donated £[Insert amount] to local charity [insert charity name] as a result of a share of surplus funds from a national recycling scheme that the crematorium belongs to. [Insert Authority/Company] is a member of the Metal Recycling Scheme run by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management.

[Insert spokesperson name] said:

“The recycling of metals following a cremation of a deceased person is being done with the written consent of each bereaved family. Following a cremation, the cremated remains may contain metals from orthopaedic implants such as hip or knee replacement joints as well as items from the construction of the coffin. The metals, always with the consent of the bereaved family are recycled by the ICCM with proceeds shared between its members to donate to a charity of their choice. All cheques are made payable to nominated charities and not the member crematorium.”

[Insert charity name] aims are to raise funds to [Insert Charity aims and/or quote]

[Insert Authority/Company] provides a professional and caring service to all the bereaved whilst being aware of the environmental impact of cremation. The recycled metals scheme run by the ICCM since 2006 in partnership with a Dutch company called Orthometals, donates the surplus funds to charities and this reflects Bereavement Services’ ethos to make a difference to the communities we serve and to make the least impact on the environment.

The Institute of Cemeteries and Crematorium Management (ICCM) announced, in September 2015, that the Recycling of Metals scheme in partnership with Orthometals, has now donated in excess of £2.0m to bereavement charities in the United Kingdom. “ICCM would like to thank each scheme member and its staff, but most of all the bereaved themselves whose consent has enabled waste metal to be recycled and financial help to be provided to UK bereavement charities”.