



Cemetery of the Year Awards 2023

The FREE to enter competition will once again be available from 31 March until 31 July 2023 and open to any Burial Authority (Cemetery or Churchyard) within the UK.

The three categories of Cemeteries in this year's competition are –

A. Large Burial Grounds above 10,000 graves^[1]_{SEP}

B. Small/Medium Burial Grounds up to 10,000 graves

C. Parish, Town and Community Councils

The winner will receive a CYA Gold Award Certificate and a CYA Press Release that can be used to promote your work, in your local newspaper.

Silver Awards Certificates will be presented to the runners up along with a CYA Press Releases to promote your work.

Note:

There will be no cash prize this year in categories A. B. and C.

Natural Burial Ground Provider category will not take place this year.

The competition will also include 2 x New Categories in this year's competition.

*D. The BRAMM Bereaved Community Award –

This is a new category in the Cemetery of the Year Awards 2023 and is open to any Burial Authority in the UK.

If your Cemetery or Burial Ground has completed any local initiative which has helped the bereaved in any way within the last 5 years you are eligible to enter for this award.

We know there are many enterprising Cemeteries that go the extra mile to help bereaved families, for example: this may be simply offering a flower service or café within the cemetery or providing memorials for still born children.

To enter this category, you can write a short account (no more than 250 words) and explain your local enterprise, you can also submit up to three photographs to support your entry.

The winner will receive **£1,000 prize money** along with a BRAMM/CYA Gold Award Certificate and a CYA Press Release that can be used to promote your work, in your local newspaper.

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***E. Is Your Cemetery up to Standard Quiz.**

This is a simple survey for your cemetery, that will allow you to see where you are in providing a modern service for the bereaved. Please answer honestly yes or no, to the whole question. Your individual results will never be published, but the accumulative results will be shared with all participants. You can print your own survey and send it to your elected members, if you wish. The object is to highlight where your cemetery could be improved, and provide some Best Practice examples of how to achieve this, often at very little expense.

To enter this year CYA competition, simply go to –

www.cemeteryoftheyear.org.uk

The Cemetery of the Year Awards Competition is designed not only to improve standards within Burial Grounds but also to encourage compliance with legislation and encourage best practice with information and support from leading Burial Authority Organisations.



CYA Winners from last years competition.

The Cemetery of the Year Award 2023 has been supported and endorsed by –

- ✓ Memorial Awareness Board (MAB)
- ✓ Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM)
- ✓ The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA)
- ✓ The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
- ✓ British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM)

Good Luck.