

## **Bournemouth**

There are four cemeteries in Bournemouth; they are all under the control of Bournemouth Council. To follow is some detail in respect of each of the cemeteries. The fees structure for them is the same for all four and can be obtained on request. If you would like to link to the relevant pages of Bournemouth Council's web site, please [click here](http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Residents/births/Deaths/opening_times.asp) (www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Residents/births/Deaths/opening\_times.asp).

### **North Cemetery, Strouden Avenue**

Situated in Strouden Avenue, Bournemouth. Opened in 1927 although the cemetery chapel was modified to encompass a dual role as a crematorium in 1938. A second smaller Cemetery / Crematorium Chapel was added in 1963 and both now feature the use of an organ together with an advanced fully comprehensive sound system with a very extensive library of both traditional and modern tracks. There is a range of consecrated and multi denominational sections of the cemetery and also a small Woodland Section. All new grave spaces (except within the Woodland Section) are termed 'Lawn Graves' and only allow for a Headstone – no Bournemouth Cemetery now permits a 'Traditional Kerb Set' style memorial.

Central to the cemetery grounds are the Crematorium / Cemetery buildings and car park and the extensive Gardens-of-Remembrance and associated varied Cremated Remains Interment Options. The grounds also house a section of Commissioned War Graves. Within the section of Burial Cremation Plots is that of World Renowned Composer and Musician Mantovani.

### **Wimborne Road Cemetery, Cemetery Junction, Charminster**

The first cemetery to be opened in Bournemouth, in the year 1898. The entrance is at the junction of Wimborne Road and Charminster Road and aptly known as Cemetery Junction. A fine example of Decorated Gothic Architecture is found within the cemetery chapel within which is the use of an organ.

At the opening the cemetery was a matter of civic pride and became the resting place of many who have helped shape Bournemouth over the years including Sir Merton and Lady Russell-Coates. No less than 27 former Bournemouth Mayor's. Frederick George Abberline – the Detective in charge of the Jack the Ripper murders investigation. Chang Woo Gow – the Chinese Giant, then standing 8 feet in height and weighing 26 stone. Local celebrity Ken Bailey is also buried here. Despite burial of over 43,000 since its opening Wimborne Road Cemetery still has new multi denominational lawn grave spaces available.

### **Kinson Cemetery, Kinson Road**

The most recent Bournemouth Cemetery opened in 1936 is located on South Kinson Drive. A modern chapel provides a suitable service venue and a small modern keyboard is available. Full provision of multi-denominational lawn grave spaces is available.

### **East Cemetery, Gloucester Road, Boscombe**

Sometimes referred to as Boscombe Cemetery because of its location – it is adjacent to Kings Park and the entrance is on Gloucester Road. The very extensive cemetery features many fine trees that play host to a large range of wildlife. Multi denominational lawn graves are available in this cemetery.

The resting place of author Cumberland Clark may be found within the cemetery with a very large Angel Memorial straddling three adjacent grave spaces.



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