

Bournemouth Crematorium

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Bournemouth Crematorium is owned and operated by Bournemouth Council and was opened in 1938. It is built in a traditional design, has two chapels and is situated in the grounds of a large and operational cemetery. There is ample car parking but unfortunately there is only one waiting room. The chapels are formally known as the West and the East but are perhaps better known as the small and the large (they seat 40 and 120 respectively). Both chapels have an organ and a very capable music playing system called the Wesley System that uses MP3 technology; you would struggle to tell the difference between it and a live organ. The Wesley System can play just about any of your favourite tunes.

If cremated remains are left at the crematorium for dispersal, they are either buried in the Glades, which is a large communal lawn area, or they are scattered on the Rose Beds. Use of the Glades offers no form of direct memorialisation. The crematorium offers a number of ways to commemorate the deceased. There is the Book of Remembrance, which is permanent and relatively inexpensive and is opened on the chosen day each year. Otherwise there are Rose Trees with plaques and there are columbarium walls into which a casket may be placed; both of these memorials have a lease term, at the end of which the family must renew. Failure to renew results in the memorial being removed so families choosing such a memorial would be wise to ensure they are happy about the length of 'term' and likely charges to renew.

Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium costs £434.00 plus £18.00 for a medical referee (prices quoted are correct up to 30th April 2010).



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