

WITTON CEMETERY

A Brief History:-

In 1863 Birmingham Corporation opened Birmingham City Cemetery, Witton, which was sited on the outskirts of the City. Originally the site had three chapels, two of which were demolished in 1980. The cemetery served the community by carrying out as many as 20 burials a day. During the big flu epidemic in the 1920s interments were performed. Today there is an average of 4 burials a day.

The 103 acre site is laid out as an open park, planted out with indigenous trees and shrubs. At one time 40 gardeners served the site with plants supplied from the 'on site' nursery. A new cemetery office was opened in 1999.

Grave Sections

New adult graves are no longer available to purchase.
Witton Cemetery can still offer you Private Baby graves.

Public burials can still take place for both babies and adults

Cremated remains plots, with the capacity for two cremated remains interments, are also available. These are available for with headers to allow for a Desktop style memorial. These can be found in two sections of the cemetery - please ask the office for further details.

Grave Memorials

A wide variety of memorials are present within the cemetery, however the type of memorial permissible will be determined by the type of section in which a grave lies.

On a lawn type section a headstone type memorial only is permissible. Kerbing, fencing, chippings and free standing ornamentation are not permitted. The ground may be cultivated up to 18" (46cm) from the headstone, with the rest of the grave space being turfed.

On a traditional section a headstone and/or kerb set which runs the length of the grave are permissible. Again no fencing of any description is permissible.

On a cremated remains section a tablet type memorial is permissible. The burial authority will provide chippings to be placed on the section.

No fencing, kerbing, glass items or lanterns are permitted on Lawn sections.

On the public baby section memorials are not permitted on the graves, however there is a memorial wall for which cast bronze plaques are available. There is also a baby Book of Remembrance which is situated in the Chapel.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations relating to the cemetery can be obtained from the office.

Memorial Benches

[Memorial benches](#) may be purchased in memory of a loved one. They may be placed within the cemetery grounds in consultation with a member of the office staff.

Temporary Memorials - [Grave Markers](#) (up to 24 months)

Perspex Grave Markers are offered with or without a wooden ground fixing stake and can be fully personalised. These are available in either Gold or Silver.

Inscriptions can be complimented by the addition of motifs or photographs.

For further details and prices please speak to a member of the cemetery office.

[Ashes Caskets](#) are available for the burial of cremated remains.

[Grave Tending](#) - offers you a choice of options available.

Facilities Available

The cemetery office has a waiting area, with public/disabled toilet facilities. Maps of the site are available from the cemetery office.

There are also two sets of public toilets within the grounds, the toilets sited by the chapel having disabled facilities, the other toilets are situated at the opposite end of the main avenue. Signs for these are placed along the main drive. All of the entrances have directional signs, and the notice boards contain maps of the cemetery site as an extra guide.

HOW TO FIND US

Travelling by Road:-

From Birmingham take A34 Walsall Road, at Newtown take B4140 Witton Road which joins the A4040 Brookvale Road, turn onto either Moor Lane or The Ridgeway. The cemetery gates are situated 0.5 mile along either road. From Sutton Coldfield take A5127 Birmingham Road, then A453 Jockey Road/College Road, turning into Moor Lane or The Ridgeway which runs past the cemetery. From Erdington take A4040 Reservoir Road/Marsh Hill/Brookvale Road as above. From M6, exit junction 6 to A5127, then turn left onto the A4040 as above.

Travelling by Bus:-

From Birmingham/Sutton Coldfield take the Nos. 107 or 113 which stop outside the College Road entrance. From Erdington (Perry Common) take the No. 107 which stops outside The Ridgeway Entrance. The No. 11 outer circle also passes the cemetery along Brookvale Road.

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The Cemetery will be open to visitors:

Month	Weekdays	Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays
January, December	8.30am-4pm	10am-4pm

February, March, April, October, November.	8.30am-4pm	10am-5pm
May, June, July, August, September.	8.30am-4.30pm	10am-5pm

Special times for opening and closing apply on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.