

RECYCLING OF METALS - DONATION TO CHARITY

MEETING: CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT JOINT
CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the surplus derived from the recovery of metals following cremation and recommend a proposal for its distribution to a local charity over the next 12 months.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A decision was taken by the Joint Committee back in March 2007 to participate in a national scheme for the recovery of metals following cremation (Min. No. 03/07 of 28 March 2007 refers).
- 2.2 Following that decision, recovered metals were retained at the Crematorium for collection by a waste metal collection and recycling company, Orthometals Limited, on behalf of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), who are the scheme administrators. Metals are only recovered and recycled with the consent of the application for cremation (usually next of kin and/or Executor).
- 2.3 The terms of the Scheme require that any surpluses generated from this process shall be donated to national or local bereavement-related charities nominated by the contributing crematoria.

Locally, nominations have previously been approved by the Committee for donations made to CRUSE Bereavement Counsellors, SANDS (Stillbirth and Neo-Natal Charity), Weston Park Cancer Charity, Ashgate Hospice Care, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, MacMillan Cancer Support, Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team, Alzheimer's Research UK and Nenna Kind Cancer Charity.

Nominated Charities often receive in the region of £12,000 per annum via two separate payments during the year.

3. IMPACT OF COVID19

3.1 It is understood that many trustees are having to cope with financial challenges that will have a major impact on their charities and those who depend on them (Source; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-financial-difficulties-in-your-charity-caused-by-coronavirus>).

3.2 The challenges faced by charities is reflected in the number of requests received since the last nomination was approved. This year 10 charities have contacted the Manager requesting consideration. For context, 4 requests were received for the corresponding report in 2019.

4. 2021 NOMINATIONS

The ten nominations received from Charities to be considered are listed below, some of whom have previously benefited from the scheme.

To be considered, the core function of the charity should be bereavement related or a definable element/function of the charity should be bereavement related providing support or a service to the Bereaved or their family.

Previous Members also steered towards Charities that could demonstrate direct assistance to residents of the constituent areas.

Charity	Bereavement Function (Core –v- Element)	Direct Assistance to Constituents
<i>The Air Ambulance Service</i>	<i>Element of Charity supports the Bereaved via Legacy and Wills and working with Forestry partners with memorial planting.</i>	<i>5 Counties including Derbyshire</i>
<i>Ashgate Hospice</i>	<i>Element of Charity provides support for Bereaved People.</i>	<i>Direct Assistance to North Derbyshire</i>
<i>Weston Park Cancer Charity</i>	<i>Element of Charity is Counselling and</i>	<i>Regional</i>

	<i>support for the Bereaved</i>	
<i>Diabetes UK</i>		<i>National and Regional</i>
<i>Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team</i>	<i>Support to Bereaved people including legal and</i>	<i>Direct Assistance to North Derbyshire</i>
<i>Alzhiemers Society</i>		<i>National and Regional</i>
<i>Make a Wish UK</i>		<i>National</i>
<i>SANDS Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity</i>	<i>Core element of Charity is to support bereaved families.</i>	<i>National and Regional</i>
<i>Child Bereavement UK</i>	<i>Core element of Charity is to support the bereaved.</i>	<i>National and Regional</i>
<i>MacMillan Cancer Support</i>	<i>Element of Charity provides support for the Bereaved.</i>	<i>National and Regional</i>

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Joint Committee;

- (i) Approve the nomination of Ashgate Hospice to be the recipient of the donation for 2021.

5. **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) The Ashgate Hospicecare provide direct assistance to the residents of the constituent authorities. An urgent appeal for fundraising was recently issued below;

“At Ashgate Hospicecare, we have had to **transform the way we provide our care, in the most difficult of circumstances, to reach more people than ever before.** We are now expanding our end of life and bereavement support into the wider community, including care homes.”

A core element is to provide bereavement support and is therefore eligible for nomination.

Although Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team also meet the criteria whilst serving local residents, that Charity received the donation as recently as 2018.