



Charity News

OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES FOR 2019

This year Wessex Vale Crematorium has chosen to support both The Eastleigh Bereavement Services and The Red Lipstick Foundation for 2019. A donation of £3400.00 has been given in total to the two charities. Both charities work within the local community to help provide bereavement support for those that have suffered the loss of a loved one. In 2016 Eastleigh Bereavement Services extended its services to include all forms of counselling and emotional support as well as bereavement services to those aged over 18 years. The Lipstick Foundation provides support for those bereaved by suicide, or immediate family members following a traumatic sudden death of a young person.

Lorna Jenkins from Eastleigh Bereavement Services wrote us this letter: *"On behalf of the EBS Trustees, I am writing to thank the Management of Wessex Vale Crematorium very much for the cheque you gave us recently. This is the third consecutive year that we have been a beneficiary of Wessex Vale, and we are very grateful for your support in running the Service. Since 2016 we have been able to extend the Service to other aspects of counselling, which our counsellors find more fulfilling. An exhibition at Eastleigh Museum from March 9th until April 27th 2019 showing aspects of our work will hopefully enable us to extend our outreach".*

Christmas Carol Service

Wessex Vale Crematorium held its annual Christmas Carol Service on the 5th December 2018. The service had our largest turn out so far, with over 100 members of the local community attending. Some were familiar faces to the crematorium staff and some new, and it was lovely to see so many people.

During the service, there were traditional carols and a lovely solo was sung by Ann Arnold, accompanied by Phil Dunford.

Marking the 100th centenary of the end of WW1, Paul Capper, chairman of the Eastleigh British Legion attended along with a standard bearer. At the end of the evening donations were made to the British Legion and a total of £500 was raised by the congregation. In addition to this sum of money, Wessex Vale Crematorium has also donated an additional £500.00 to the British Legion Charity.

Pic: Mr Paul Capper and standard bearer at the end of the Christmas Service.



Wessex Vale Improvements

Improvements have been made to a section of the memorial grounds which had been experiencing issues with flooding.

Within this area the top level of turf was removed and replaced with both aggregate and a decorative cream coloured stone. This work, which was undertaken in the winter, was a challenge for our groundsman John. However, despite the rain this area has now been vastly improved and we have received a number of lovely positive comments.



Providing a personal service for everyone

2018 saw us hold a number of diverse services including both Sikh and Hindu funerals.

We also got to experience many different types of ways that services are now personalised from live bands, solo singers, and also military processions. Wessex Vale is fortunate to have up to date technology within the chapel, allowing personal photos and videos to be played as part of the service. Please feel free to contact the crematorium if you have any questions in relation to this.

Memorialisation Update

Wessex Vale Crematorium are excited to announce the launch of a new memorial range giving families the opportunity for a truly bespoke and personal memorial to their loved ones. Ashes with Art are a family run business with 15 years' experience and has joined Wessex Vale Crematorium to provide this high quality memorialisation. Their processes allow for ashes to be fused in to specialist glass and create either Jewellery or wall mountable art. If further information is required please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.



ASHES WITH ART

CREMATION JEWELLERY AND GLASS ART MEMORIALS



Westerleigh Group News

Wessex Vale Crematorium is part of the Westerleigh Group. Westerleigh operates 34 sites across the breadth of the UK. Over the past 2 years we have opened five new crematoria at Babworth Crematorium, North Wiltshire Crematorium, The Vale Crematorium (Evesham), Aylesbury Vale Crematorium and Stirlingshire Crematorium.

We strive to deliver the very best standards of support and care for the families who come to us - and work in partnership with our Funeral Directors to be able to deliver this. Our colleagues who work in our sites, in our opinion, are the most passionate and dedicated in the industry.



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