## Stirlingshire GARDENS & CREMATORIUM

# NEWS SPRING 2019



#### Stirlingshire Crematorium Opens

We were excited to commence working on Monday 13th May 2019, with the final touches still to be done on site. The fit team arrived soon after and together we worked hard to ensure we could set up the bulk of our site and be ready to open our doors.

We had our first services on 30th May 2019, both services we had were from Coop Funeralcare. Rachel managed the first service with Lawrence doing the first cremation.

On 20th May 2019 we auditioned for Organists and we had 8 people interested and came to play for us, we have decided on the two Organists

we want, not only for their musical talents, they also seem to fit in with the team and the Service.

On 20th May 2019 we had an open evening for local Funeral Directors and this was well attended, food and refreshments were provided and the feedback from those in attendance was very positive.

On 21st May 2019 we had and open day for Officiants, again this was well attended and as above the feedback was very positive with attendees looking forward to working with us.

On 22nd May 2019 we had an open day for members of the public and much to our surprise this was very well attended, again great feedback from those who attended and many happy they won't have to go out of the area at end of life for their family members.

Stephen Kerr MP for Stirling came to visit us on Wednesday 29th May 2019, he was very impressed with the architecture and the whole set up, he praised the knowledge of the staff team and for the warm welcome he and his colleague John Bennett received.

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#### Our First Month

On 30th May at 12pm we had our first service. This went smoothly with Rachel taking charge of the service and Lawrence doing the cremation. We also had two services on Friday 31st May 2019, this time with Rachel and Donnie taking charge.

Throughout the last two weeks we have had many visitors drop in to view the new site, all very positive about what they have seen and with the information staff passed onto them.

Throughout the period we have been here at Stirlingshire, we have been very well supported by George Bell our Regional Manager. George has supported Donnie to ensure all equipment we require has been ordered, taking him through some of the horticulture arrangements.

The team were also supported by the Fit Out team as well as backing from Jonathon Stone and Peter Greenwood, both keeping us right with the Site Workers and all the snagging that was required.

It was quite a month and praise to Rachel and Lawrence for their hard work alongside Donnie to ensure we got to open before the month end.

Donnie, Rachel and Lawrence are all new to the Westerleigh Group and look forward to a great future at Stirlingshire Crematorium.



### Memorialisation Update

Stirlingshire 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 Stirlingshire 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.



### Westerleigh Group News

Stirlingshire 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.

Please visit our Facebook page for the most up to date news from the team at Stirlingshire Crematorium.

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