

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019086**
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Department: **Other**
Title: **Burials and cremations**
Description: **The number of burials and cremations 2014-2019 and the capacity and associated costs for an individual.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Please could you provide the following:

1. Number of grave spaces available at present, broken down by site
2. The number of burials that are carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
3. The number of cremations carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
4. How long will it be until the council runs out of grave space?
5. Are there any plans to expand the council's burial space at present? If so, what are they?
6. How much does it cost for an individual to be buried in the graveyards?
7. How much does it cost for an individual to be cremated?

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

1. Hertsmere Borough Council only manages one cemetery and that is Allum Lane Cemetery, Elstree. The number of available grave spaces at present is 187 graves for full burials and 898 graves for ashes interments.
2. The number of burials carried out each year;

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Too early to give figures	62	61	62	70	64

3. Hertsmere Borough Council does not have a crematorium. The number of ashes interment carried out each year are as follows:

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Too early to give figures	74	61	72	85	81

4. We anticipate that there is space for another 3 years for full burials and 13 years for ashes interments.
5. There are plans to purchase land next to the existing cemetery which should last for 20 years.

6. The fees for Allum Lane Cemetery are £950.00 for a resident and £2,850.00 if the deceased was a non-resident of the borough.
7. Hertsmere Borough Council does not have a crematorium but to have an individual's ashes interred would cost £330.00 for a resident and £990.00 for a non-resident.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services