Bereavement Services Baby Gardens

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A life begun... ...but not yet completed



We have developed the baby gardens with support from all sectors of the community We are grateful to all those who have contributed especially the cemetery staff who worked so hard on the gardens.



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Each of Warrington Borough Councils three baby gardens provides a special place for families to remember their lost child.

The first of our Baby gardens, ('Forget-Me-Not') was opened in Warrington Cemetery in the year 2000, quickly followed by the 'Rose Bud' Garden in Fox Covert which opened in March 2001. Since opening these two places have provided a source of comfort for many families experiencing the immense pain of losing a precious child.

In 2009 work began on our third project, the 'Sweet Dreams' baby garden at Walton Lea Crematorium and was dedicated on May 2nd 2010 especially for families who had chosen Cremation rather than burial of their child. Baby Gardens provide areas for memorial tribute plus seated private places for contemplation

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The Gardens are Eyes Open testament to the Eyes Colvision, dedication^{oodnight,} and hard work of Staff, friends and partners of Warrington Borough

The sweet dreams baby garden was produced to accommodate the interment & strewing of cremated remains.

In the interest of maintenance and visitor safety we request that any ornaments or toys be placed on, or to the side of the memorials. Where interments have taken place within the lawned area, toys will not be permitted within this area, only floral tributes. Floral tributes will be removed on a weekly basis, unless otherwise requested.

Items and floral tributes are removed every Wednesday; maintenance is carried out in the morning.

Floral tributes will be left for a week longer on special occasions such as Easter, Mothers Day, and Fathers Day.

Dates for the removal of the floral tributes during the festive season are supplied nearer the time.

Plot markers / Floral tubes can be obtained from the crematorium office, following an interment within the baby garden. Bereavement Services request that families do not use alternative floral tubes, and a variance from the tubes provided can affect the maintenance of this plot.

Sweet Dreams Baby Garden

Walton Lea Crematorium

The garden provides three options for laying remains to rest.

- 1. Strewing
- 2. Burial in the Flag & Plot area
- 3. Burial in a the vault

There is also a Memory Wall; this gives families an option to have a memorial plaque in the baby garden even if it isn't possible to lay remains to rest.

The baby garden has designated areas for each of these options.

Strewing

The strewing area is the smaller of the two grassed areas located in the middle of the garden. Remains are strewn from a special strewing vessel.

Flag & Plot

Flag & plot burials are a copy of what we already offer here at the crematorium, but on a smaller scale.

Every other kerbstone around the larger of the two grassed areas has a number attached.



A plot is excavated to a specific measurement and remains then poured directly into the ground from a suitable vessel.

Teddy Bear Vaults

The vaults in the baby garden are based on the idea of children's building blocks. To the front of the vault is a granite tablet on which an inscription is engraved. Remains are stored behind this tablet in a wooden casket. Vaults are leased for a period of 15 years with the option to re-lease once that time has expired.

With all of these options, arrangements can be made so either we carry out the strewing, burial or interment for you or, by appointment, family & friends can witness or undertake the options themselves.

They may also wish to make arrangements for a minister or other ceremony to be included.

Rose Bud Baby Garden

Fox Covert Cemetery

Forget Me Not Baby Garden

Warrington Cemetery



The 'Rose Bud' Baby Garden in Fox Covert Cemetery and the 'Forget-me-Not' Baby Garden in Warrington Cemetery are special places for families to remember their lost child.

These gardens contain a bronze statue of a baby on a granite column. Placed on unfinished granite they signify a life begun but not yet completed.

Graves are provided within the baby gardens for families choosing to have a burial. Memorials or headstones can be accommodated within this lawned area. Warrington Borough Council now operates a Memorial Masons Registration Scheme for masons working within any of our cemeteries. You are required to use one of these masons. Please refer to our Cemeteries Memorial leaflet for further details or contact the Bereavement Services Office.

In the interests of maintenance and visitor safety we request that any ornaments or toys be placed on, or to the side of the headstone or on the gravel strip provided in front of the headstone.

Strewing

An area within the garden has been dedicated to the strewing of cremated remains. Arrangements can be made so that either we carry out the strewing for you within the garden or, by appointment, family and friends can witness or undertake the strewing themselves. You may also wish to make arrangements for a minister or other ceremony to be included.

Plaques

The garden includes a raised memorial planter. Memorial plaques are available for a 20 year period and may be purchased by anyone; regardless of whether or not they have a baby buried in the garden.

Rose Bud Baby Garden

Fox Covert Cemetery



Forget Me Not Baby Garden

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Useful Information & Contacts

Websites

www.lifeafterloss.org www.uk-sands.org www.babyloss.com www.fmns.com www.tommys.org www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk

Help Groups

Warrington Bereavement Support - 01925 631516 Forget-Me-Not Group - 07596583487 friendsofthebabygarden@yahoo.co.uk

On-Line Chat Rooms

www.mumsnet.com www.babycentre.co.uk www.askamum.co.uk

Help, Advice and Counselling

Cruse Bereavement Care

Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UR Tel: 020 8939 9530 www.crusebereavementcare.org.uk

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

14 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DP Tel: 020 7235 0965

The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE Tel: 020 7436 7940

Winston's Wish (supporting bereaved children and young people) The Clara Burgess Centre, Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Great Western Road, Gloucester GL1 3NN Tel: Family Line 0845 20 30 40 5 Tel: General Enquiries 01452 394377 Web: www.winstonswish.org.uk