



THE
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BROMPTON CEMETERY

A GUIDE TO SERVICES



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INTRODUCTION

The Royal Parks is a charity set up in March 2017 to manage and fundraise for London's eight Royal Parks, covering 5,000 acres of historic parkland including some of London's most iconic green spaces. The eight Royal Parks are Bushy Park, The Green Park, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, The Regent's Park, Richmond Park and St James's Park. They include one World Heritage Site, two Sites of Special Scientific Interest and important habitats for London's wildlife. In addition, The Royal Parks manages additional sites including Brompton Cemetery, Primrose Hill and Victoria Tower Gardens.

Brompton Cemetery is a beautiful Grade I listed landscape that sits in the heart of Kensington and Chelsea. The cemetery provides the community with 39 acres of picturesque green space amongst its busy surroundings. Thousands of visitors make their way to Brompton each year to enjoy its idyllic scenery, to visit loved ones and to learn more about the history of the cemetery and its local heritage.

A working cemetery, we are proud to have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag and Green Heritage Site status in recognition of our commitment to managing the site for people, nature and heritage.

The Royal Parks prides itself on its values of being Responsible, Excellent, Inclusive, Open and Respectful and we apply these values in every aspect of our funerary services to deliver excellent customer care. This information pack includes information about the services we offer and what options are available to you.

Please get in touch if you require any further information, or if you would like to book an appointment with a member of our dedicated bereavement team.

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HISTORY OF THE CEMETERY

Brompton Cemetery is one of Britain's oldest and most distinguished garden cemeteries. It is known as one of the 'Magnificent Seven' cemeteries originally built and located on the outskirts of London to meet the need of an increasing population. Brompton Cemetery was established by an Act of Parliament and opened in 1840, originally known as the West of London and Westminster Cemetery.

Spanning more than 39 acres, the cemetery is Grade I listed in the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England, and has many listed buildings and monuments including the Grade II* Chapel. It is also designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance.



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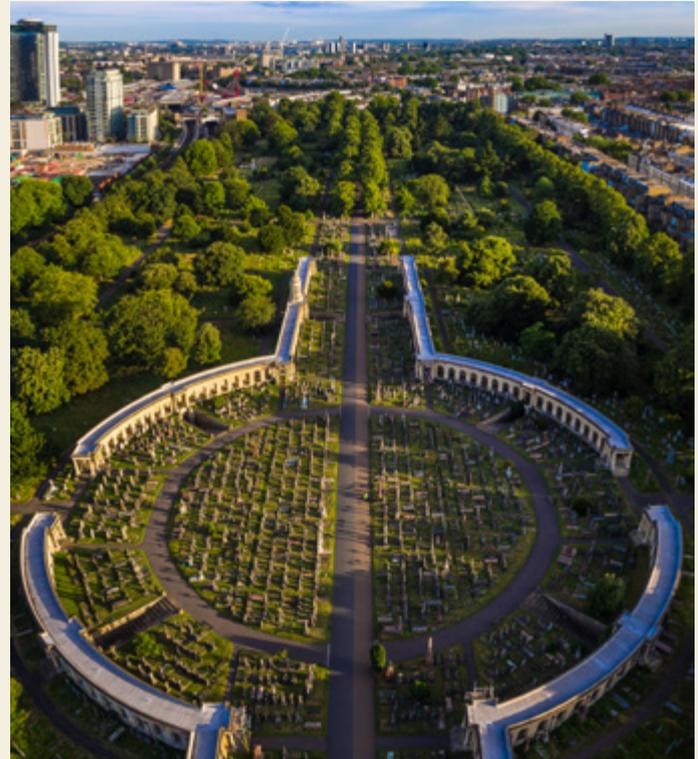
Designed by the architect Benjamin Baud in the neoclassical style, Brompton was intended to be a garden for public recreation as well as providing a place for burial.

The cemetery was consecrated by the Bishop of London in June 1840, and since then there have been over 205,000 burials including many notable people.

There are approximately 35,000 monuments, ranging from simple headstones to large mausoleums, catacombs – though these are no longer used for interment – a large memorial to the Chelsea Pensioners, and a Guards plot for military personnel.

Brompton also includes a Garden of Remembrance for the burial of ashes.

For more information on the history of the cemetery please go to: royalparksof.burial.org.uk/parks/brompton-cemetery



WHY CHOOSE BROMPTON CEMETERY?

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Responsible – We will ensure the smooth running of your funerary services to ensure a stress-free atmosphere on the day.

Excellent – Our staff are specially trained and experienced in providing excellent customer care to assist you with your requirements.

Inclusive – Anyone can be buried at Brompton irrespective of residency in the local area.

Open – Our fees will be clear and explained thoroughly with no hidden costs.

Respectful – We will show due regard to your thoughts, feelings and wishes and take these into consideration when advising you about our funerary services.

YOUR CHOICES

You will be able to choose the time and date of your burial and we will always do our best to accommodate your wishes.

You can choose the location of the plot within the given options at the time of your appointment.

You can choose to hold a service in our Chapel.



THE CHAPEL



The Chapel is a Grade II* listed building and has been used for services since 1840. The Chapel is available for burial, cremation and memorial services and seats up to 100 people.

The Chapel is open to all and is bookable for services on weekdays only. During your appointment we will show you the interior of the Chapel and check availability at that time too. The building is fully accessible and has toilet facilities.

RECEPTION FACILITY



Funerals are a time to remember the loss of a loved one, and often after the burial a reception will take place to allow friends and family to reminisce and share stories.

We have an experienced on-site caterer who can offer a selection of food and refreshment options to fit your budget. The Chapel is an ideal space to hold your reception, offering a tranquil setting in the cemetery itself. If you wish you can book each element of the funeral, e.g. service, burial and reception altogether during your appointment.



BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT



To ensure that you have support throughout the process, we can dedicate a knowledgeable member of the team who will remain your point of contact from the first appointment onwards.

The cemetery office is based in the Chapel and we run on an appointment basis. Appointments are available between 8am – 2pm on weekdays only and can be made by contacting us on:

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What to expect during your appointment:

- The scale of charges will be explained thoroughly and clearly for the funerary services you choose.
- Depending on the type of burial, you will be shown available locations.
- You will be provided with the cemetery regulations relevant to your preferred plot.
- You will be able to look inside the Chapel to see if you would like to hold a service and/or a reception.
- There will be time for you to ask us questions and to clarify any of the above.

Burials can take place at the cemetery between 8am – 2pm on weekdays only. Unfortunately, there is no availability for a weekend burial.

PURCHASING A PLOT

When purchasing a plot you will hold a lease that provides the 'Rights of Burial'. The lease length will vary dependent upon the service required. For full burial plots the lease will run for 75 years from the date of purchase and is able to be extended towards the end of the lease.

The lease owner of the grave decides who is to be buried within the grave and grants permission for memorial works to take place.

Prior to the end of the 75 years you will be notified that your lease is coming to an end. We advise you to keep your contact details up to date with us whenever you move so that we can contact you in advance of your lease coming to an end. If there has been no contact with the cemetery to renew the lease, the lease will expire, and the Right of Burial will automatically revert to The Royal Parks.

When the owner of the grave passes away, they have the right to be buried within the grave and to have a memorial or inscription. If future burials

are to take place, there needs to be a transfer of ownership before the next interment.

Brompton Cemetery has three options for full burial:

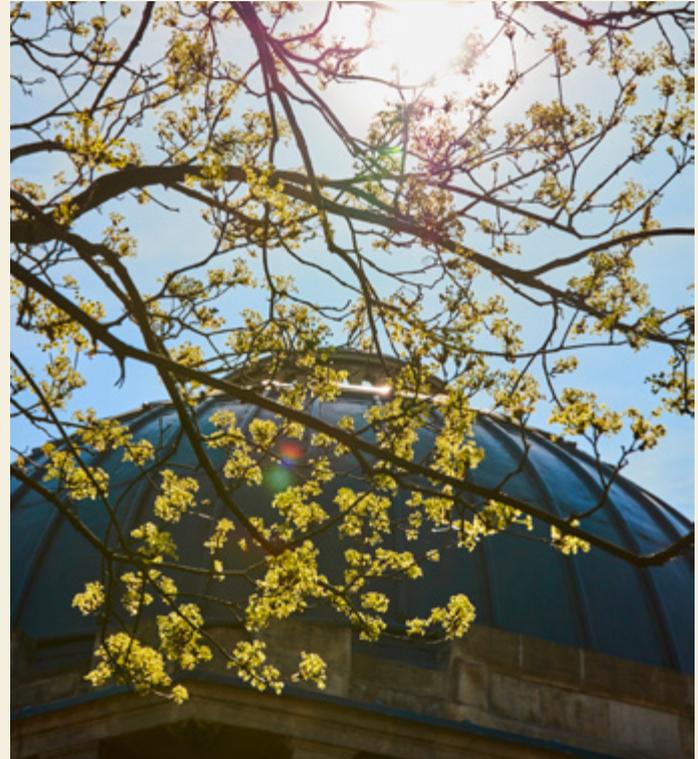
- Single Graves which will accommodate one interment.
- Double Graves which will accommodate up to two interments.
- Family Graves which will accommodate up to three interments.



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Garden of Remembrance is our designated area for the burial of ashes and offers a peaceful setting with enhanced planting inspired by the botanists who are buried within the cemetery.

An ashes plot allows for up to four interments, and the lease period for the plot is 30 years. We advise you to keep your contact details up to date whenever you move so that we can contact you in advance of your lease coming to an end. If there has been no contact with the cemetery to renew the lease, the lease will expire, and the Right of Burial will automatically revert to The Royal Parks.



MEMORIALS

Please take your time when choosing a fitting memorial and inscription and be mindful that memorial installation takes place 12 months after the burial has taken place. We encourage you to carefully consider your options, explore the cemetery and look at the memorials near your plot as a source of inspiration.

We do not have an in-house stonemason, but we work with several well-trusted memorial masons and are happy to pass on their details during your appointment.

We recommend that you speak to several companies to ensure you are happy with their quote before proceeding. We will ensure that your memorial meets our regulations and will work with the memorial mason of your choice to oversee the installation.

Grave owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of their grave and its memorial. The Royal Parks undertake a routine programme

of memorial inspection to check the safety of memorials. If your memorial is unsafe, we will be in touch to advise of the repairs needed to make your memorial safe.

Before you purchase a plot with us, it is important that you understand our rules and regulations that form part of your lease. The different areas available have distinct memorialisation policies attached to them, enabling us to support the heritage and landscape in that area. You will have a chance to discuss these regulations and policies during your appointment.



GRAVE TRANSFERS

The original owner of the grave holds the exclusive rights of the purchased plot for the specified time on the lease. During this time if the owner passes away, they can be buried within the grave, and an inscription placed on the memorial if already in situ.

A transfer of ownership will be required if:

- The registered owner wishes for another person to become the owner.
- An application is made for a further burial in the grave, but the registered owner is deceased.

- An application to place a memorial/additional inscription on the grave is made but the registered owner is deceased.
- The registered owner has recently died and a new memorial is to be placed on the grave.

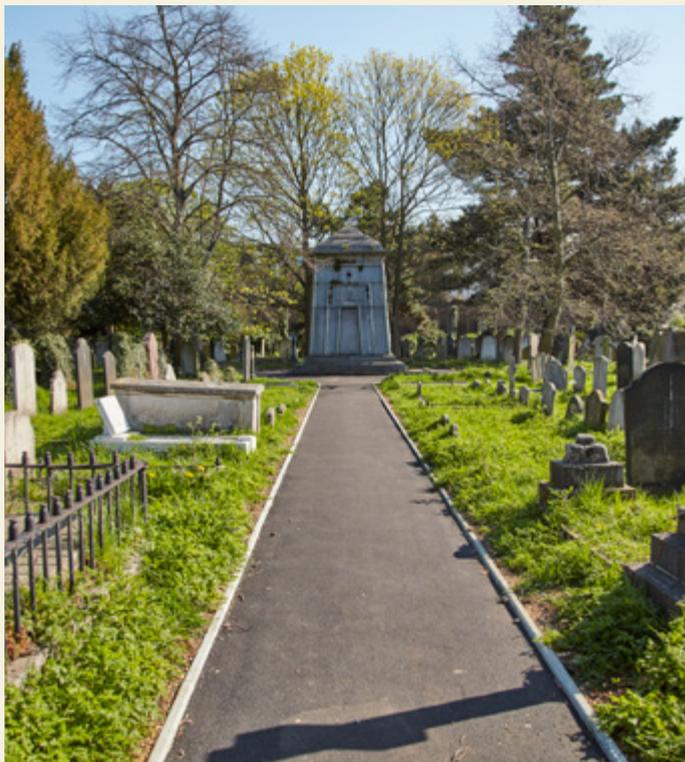
We can arrange the transfer of ownership; please make an appointment with the cemetery office to do so:

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GENEALOGY



Brompton Cemetery's Burial Registers from 1840 onwards are held at The National Archives in Kew and can be viewed in person. For more information please see the National Archives: nationalarchives.gov.uk

We have digitised our records and the burial register information is available on our website free of charge: royalparcs.org.uk/parks/brompton-cemetery/search-burial-and-cremation-records

We provide a charged service to help you with your search. You can do this via email, via The Royal Parks shop or by making an appointment at the Cemetery office. We ask that you provide us with as much information as possible, including full names and accurate dates of death.

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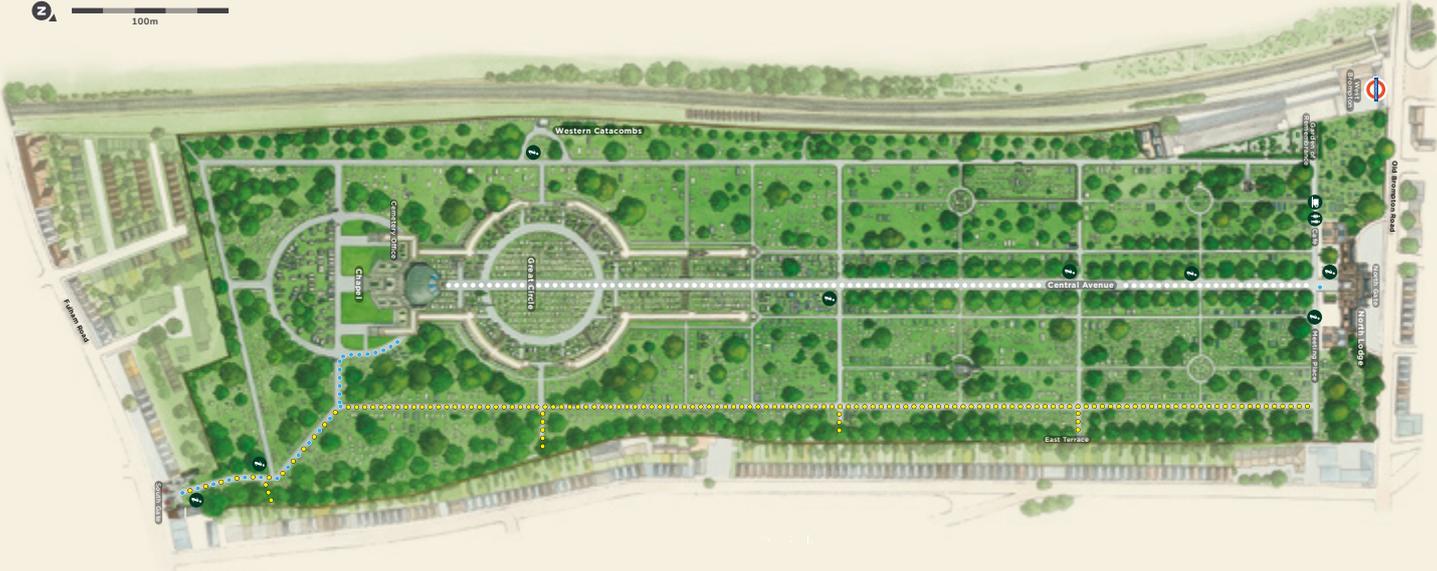
KEY INFORMATION

Contact the cemetery team to book an appointment:

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