



High Wycombe cemetery needs – note

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Need for a new Cemetery to serve High Wycombe

The remaining space at the current High Wycombe Cemetery was reviewed in June 2015. The outcome of the review is below:

The Snowdrop Garden (dedicated area for child burials), based on recent burial rates, which had doubled over the last year, will be full in approximately three to four years. There is some capacity to bury children in gaps across the cemetery which could extend burials for a further couple of years, but this will not provide a dedicated area, suitably tailored.

Based on the current burial rates space for non Church of England burials will be full in approximately eight to ten years.

Space for Church of England burials will last approximately 15 – 18 years.

The Church of England has been approached to determine whether the previously consecrated areas in the cemetery could be de-consecrated making them available for all burial types, and they have confirmed they will not allow this to happen.

Therefore the conclusion of the review was that there is a need to have a new Cemetery open by 2018/19 at the latest.

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