

CEMETERY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Biddulph Town Council were awarded two prizes at the 'Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management Learning Convention and Exhibition' on 1 October 2025, promoted and organised by The Memorial Awareness Board (MAB).

Our Chief Officer, Sarah Haydon, and our Administration Officer, Angela Williams collected the 'Best New Entry' and '2025/26 Silver' awards in the Parish, Town and Community Council category.



Philip Potts of the Memorial Awareness Board said;

'The awards are an excellent opportunity to reward hard-working staff and demonstrate the central role cemeteries and church yards can play in the community. They provide places of peaceful contemplation and beauty, as well as their historical, social and ecological importance.'

"The team at Biddulph Town Council performed exceptionally throughout the extensive judging period which is focused on Industry Standards, Good Practice and Freedom of Choice."

The Cemetery of the Year Award is supported and endorsed by leading industry Associations:

- Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM)
- The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities(FBCA)
- The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
- British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM)

Sarah Haydon said:

'We are absolutely delighted that Biddulph Town Council has won the 'Best New Entry' and a 'Silver Award' in the Town and Parish Council category at the Cemetery of the Year Awards yesterday.

From groundskeeping and preservation to working closely with families and the community, we take great pride in ensuring that this is a place of respect, beauty, and remembrance. This award reflects our ongoing commitment and affirms the care and respect we strive to uphold every day.

Thank you to everyone who has played such an important part in the day-to-day management of our burial grounds.'

The free to enter competition is open to any burial authority (cemetery or churchyard) within the UK.

It's designed to improve standards within burial grounds, but also to encourage compliance with legislation and support best practice.

The award reflects the high standards of maintenance at the site and the quality and choice of services offered to the bereaved.