

BRAMM**BURIAL AUTHORITY APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS USING BLACK INK

BURIAL AUTHORITY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____

COUNTY _____ POST CODE _____

CONTACT NAME _____

POSITION _____

TEL _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____

WEBSITE _____

CEMETERIES UNDER YOUR AUTHORITY CEMETERY ADDRESS

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INTENDED DEADLINES *We would advise a minimum period of six months for masons to prepare themselves.*

BUSINESSES ACCREDITED BY _____ FIXERS ACCREDITED BY _____

BURIAL AUTHORITY DECLARATION

We understand we are required to adhere to:

1. Monitoring of memorial masons – random checking of installations;
2. Compliance with British Standards 8415 on any foundations, repairs etc.;
3. Compliance with ICCM Code of Safe Working Practice on burial procedures, particularly on backfilling of graves;
4. Responsibility for local disciplinary process and informing BRAMM Head Office;
5. Commitment to providing virgin ground or concrete plinths for all new memorials, where this is possible;
6. Have a commitment to training.

SIGNED _____ DATED _____

NAME _____

POSITION _____

Please return this form to: **BRAMM, Room F17, Kestrel Court, Waterwells Business Park, Gloucester, GL2 2AT**

Would it be **helpful to discuss** any of this with a BRAMM representative? If so, please get in touch with the office to arrange a suitable time...

01452 346741**bramm@bramm-uk.org**

If you wish to adopt the BRAMM scheme, here's what we recommend you do next:

Take a report to committee and include:

- NO CHARGES are made to burial authorities that adopt the scheme.
- Adoption will remove the administrative burdens of chasing masons insurance certificates and risk assessment annually.
- BRAMM is the only scheme available that has 50% representation by burial authority organisations on its management board and is therefore independent and not controlled by any single organisation.
- Instances of non-compliance of standards are investigated by BRAMM following a report from the burial authority.
- Disciplinary procedures are undertaken by BRAMM.

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www.bramm-uk.org**Following approval by Committee:**

- Fill in the form within this leaflet, get it signed by the appropriate person and return it to us.
- Inform all local memorial masons of the council/committee decision.
- Give local masons 6 – 12 months notice in which to obtain their BRAMM Business Accreditation and BRAMM Fixer Licenses.
- Amend cemetery regulations to require that all installations of memorials MUST be carried out by a BRAMM registered fixer.
- Ensure that cemetery regulations require that all installations MUST conform to BS8415 and the BRAMM Blue Book.
- Amend memorial application form to include a requirement for name of fixer and licence number.
- From start date only permit memorials to be installed by BRAMM registered fixers.
- Download a copy of the BRAMM Blue Book (available free of charge from the BRAMM website).
- Any memorial failure should be compared against the BRAMM Blue Book, photographic evidence taken of the point/ reason for failure and sent to BRAMM for action.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



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**BRAMM**

BRITISH REGISTER OF ACCREDITED MEMORIAL MASONS

A guide for local authorities



By adopting the BRAMM scheme and only allowing registered masons to work in your burial ground(s), local authorities can ensure a higher standard of workmanship and improved safety.

BRAMM is the original single register first set up in 2004. Since its inception others have been created which may cause you to question which scheme to adopt. To assist you to make an informed decision we invite you to make a comparison using the following chart.

Quick Access to the Register



HOW DO REGISTRATION SCHEMES COMPARE?	BRAMM	OTHER
Do burial authorities have 50% representation on the management board of the scheme?	✓	
Is the scheme free to join for burial authorities?	✓	
Is the scheme free to join for memorial masons?	✗	
Do businesses selling memorials have to be accredited?	✓	
Is the scheme policed through an open and transparent complaints referral process?	✓	
Is the scheme totally independent and not controlled by a single organisation?	✓	
Is comprehensive information available on the scheme?	✓	
Is the scheme managed solely by those with a commercial interest?	✗	
Is ongoing training and development required for licensed memorial fixers?	✓	
Will all relevant industry qualifications be accepted as a route to obtaining fixer registration?	✓	



In taking responsibility for health and safety and upholding a duty-of-care for the general public, many local authorities administer their own registration scheme to monitor memorial masons who work in their burial grounds.

However, ensuring masons and their fixers are properly trained, insured and following current industry standards is a time consuming and costly administration. Policing and addressing discipline where standards fall short can be challenging.

Thankfully there is an alternative that removes the need for individual registration schemes and much of the associated work, saving local authorities significant time and money. Simply adopt BRAMM, the British Register for Accredited Memorial Masons, completely **free-of-charge** and experience the benefits of an administered national registration scheme.

- Instantly check online to ensure masons/fixers entering your burial ground are BRAMM registered (this is a very quick process with no account log-in required).
- Assurance that BRAMM registered mason businesses are insured, have a risk assessment and a current health and safety policy.
- Confidence that BRAMM registered masons will give a guarantee for the stability of their memorial.
- Certainty that those carrying a BRAMM Fixer Licence have achieved a recognised qualification in the safe fixing of memorials and **will work in compliance with BS8415**.
- Knowledge that those carrying a BRAMM Fixer Licence regularly engage in Continuous Professional Development to ensure skills are kept up-to-date and a culture of learning is maintained.
- Free access to the BRAMM Blue Book – a guide to the installation of memorials in accordance with BS8415. You can reference this guide in your regulations.
- **Access to a dedicated liaison officer** to provide support and guidance in monitoring and discipline of masons.
- BRAMM takes action when instances of non-compliance are reported by you.
- An equally represented appeals panel (as and when required) ensures your voice is heard, aiming for fairness and consistency throughout the UK.
- 50% local authority representation on the BRAMM board to ensure your interests are protected in a fair democratic manner.
- BRAMM has representation on the British Standards committee – revisions to BS8415 are clearly communicated to burial authorities and registered masons, helping to remove any ambiguity and saving you time checking with British Standards.
- Regular printed newsletters to keep the industry connected and up-to-date.
- **Experience a huge saving of time and expense as you no longer need to run your own registration scheme.**
- There is **no charge** for a burial authority to adopt and be part of the BRAMM scheme.
- BRAMM has no commercial interest, only a desire for improved standards in the memorial masons industry.



Industry Updates