



Brighton & Preston Cemetery & Memorials

at The Downs Crematorium



99 Hartington Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 3PL

Welcome to Brighton & Preston Cemetery

A peaceful 28-acre cemetery, providing a place of reflection and remembrance since 1886.

Located in Brighton and Hove, our cemetery first opened on the former Scabes Castle Farm over 130 years ago. Since then, it has provided local families with a respectful setting for visiting and honouring their loved ones.

Set amidst tree-lined drives and traditional Victorian architecture, the gates and burial chapel are grade 2 listed. From the grounds, the cemetery overlooks Brighton city and on a clear day, visitors will catch a glimpse of the sea.

Services for all faiths and beliefs

We're proud to serve families from all cultural and religious backgrounds. We understand that every community has its own customs and traditions and we work closely with group leaders and families to accommodate their individual wishes and requirements, from burials, through to memorials.

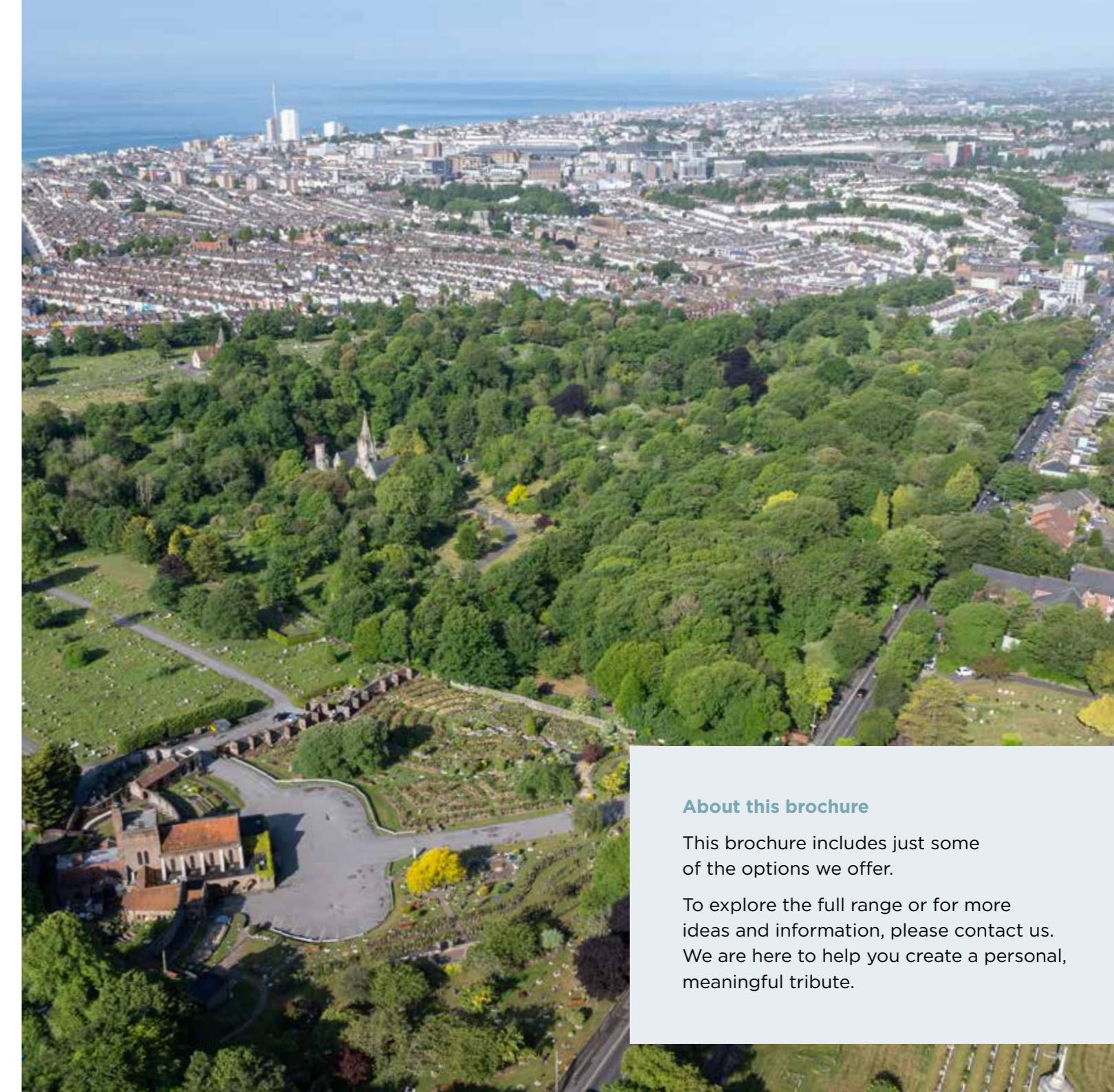
Options for burials and memorials

While many cemeteries across the country have limited grave space available, we are able to offer a range of burial and memorial options within our grounds.

As part of a network of cemeteries and crematoria managed by The Crematorium and Memorials Group (CMG), Brighton & Preston Cemetery is supported by the care, experience and credibility of a trusted organisation, dedicated to providing lasting places of remembrance across the UK.



Scan the QR code for a virtual tour of the grounds.



About this brochure

This brochure includes just some of the options we offer.

To explore the full range or for more ideas and information, please contact us. We are here to help you create a personal, meaningful tribute.



Grave and memorial options

A thoughtful range of burial and memorial options to suit different wishes, traditions and budgets.

Choosing a grave or memorial is a personal decision, and each option in our range offers its own style and features. These include:

Single plot traditional allows for a traditional grave for one person, with space for a headstone and full kerb set (defined memorial surround).

Heritage double-depth allows for a grave designed at double depth, providing space for two burials within one plot.

Heritage double depth (roadside)
a double-depth grave conveniently located at the roadside for easier access.

For full details and a price list, please speak to our memorial specialist.

Please note: Memorials, including headstones and kerb sets, are purchased separately from the grave plot.

Pre-purchasing and planning ahead

Many of our graves can be pre-purchased, offering peace of mind that loved ones can be laid to rest together. Planning ahead helps ensure arrangements are made as intended, easing the burden on families and often providing cost savings over time.

Memorials can also be arranged in advance, helping you create a tribute that reflects personal wishes and meaningful memories.

Expert support and guidance

Our memorial specialists are here to guide you through every option and answer any questions you may have. We can arrange a guided tour to help you choose a space and tribute that feels right for you and your loved ones.



A **lawn grave** allows for a headstone to be placed at the top of the burial plot.



A **traditional grave** allows for a full kerb set to mark and protect the grave plot.

Choosing a memorial

Creating a place to pause, remember, and celebrate the life of someone special.

Headstones

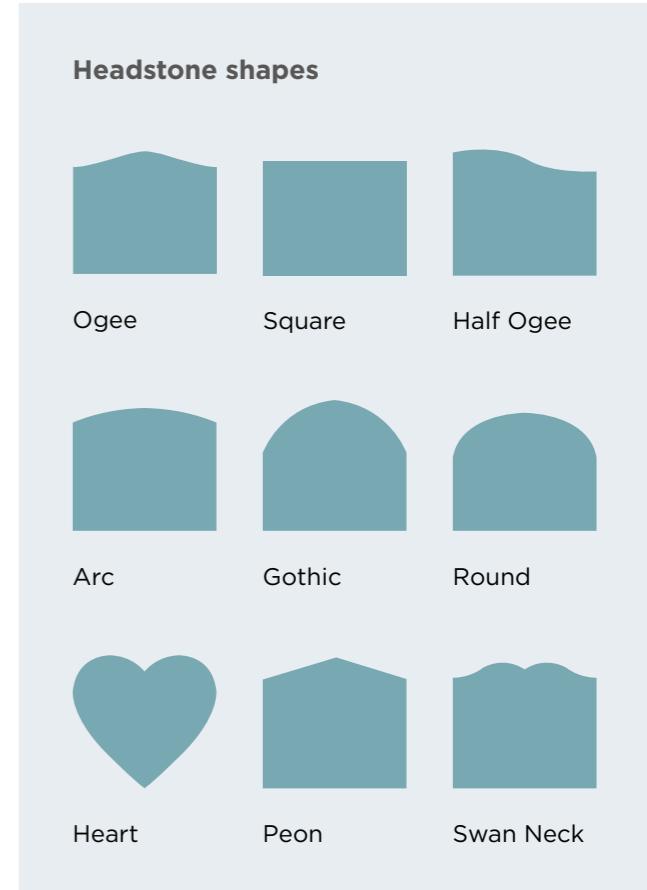
A headstone is an upright monument which marks the burial place of a loved one. They usually display personal information such as a name, and important dates. You can also choose to include a meaningful quote or saying, and, depending on the style of headstone, an image or carving.

Kerb sets

A kerb set outlines a burial plot with a low, rectangular frame that can be filled with stones, chippings, or flowers. With options for headstones and personal detailing, these memorials offer a beautiful, customisable tribute to reflect a loved one's life.

Making it personal

Over the next few pages you'll see just a small sample of what we offer. To explore all the options or discuss an idea you have in mind, contact our memorial specialist. We are always happy to talk things through, and show you examples in person.



Headstones

Headstones are available in a range of shapes, materials and colours. They rest on a base which can include additional decoration, such as a vase for flowers.

Pollington (right) is a black granite memorial with a colourful posy design. This includes two small vases on a square-cut base.



Carlton Black & karin granite



Butterleigh Black granite



Thearne English teak granite

A small preview of our headstones

To explore our full range, contact our memorial specialist who will guide and support you.



Roslin Sera grey granite



Birdsall Blue pearl



Bennett English teak granite



Pixley Polished black granite



Somersby White marble



Dodworth Star galaxy granite

Kerb sets

Kerb sets can be fully covered or include an enclosed area enhanced with chippings, pebbles or memorial accompaniments (see Gowthorpe, right).



Coniston (left) is a black granite kerb set which includes a traditionally styled headpiece, square-cut kerbs and two corner posts. In this example, white marble chippings fill the centre.



Holmfirth
Lavender Blue granite



Castleton
Black granite



Helmsley
Evergreen granite

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Wentworth
Steel Grey granite



Harewood
Sera Grey granite



Gowthorpe
Black and Sera grey granite



Crossgates
South African grey granite



Foxglove Grove
Sera Grey granite



Houghton
Black and Sera grey granite

Styles, materials and finishes

Choose from a wide range of styles, materials and colours to create a personal tribute.

Every element can be personalised

The finer details of creating a lasting tribute are just as meaningful as choosing the headstone or kerb set itself.

Every element can be personalised, from the shape and material to the colour and finishing touches, such as chippings or pebbles to enhance a kerb set.

A selection of styles and shapes

Headstones and kerb sets come in a wide selection of styles and shapes, ranging from classic to contemporary designs, ensuring there's a choice to suit every tradition and personal preference.

Choosing materials and colours

Our most popular memorials are crafted from durable materials such as granite, marble and natural stone, available in a variety of colours and finishes. These materials are chosen for their strength, beauty and ability to withstand the elements over time.

Decorative finishes

We offer decorative finishes including recycled glass and natural stone chippings, perfect for complementing kerb sets and adding a distinctive, polished appearance.

Creating a bespoke design

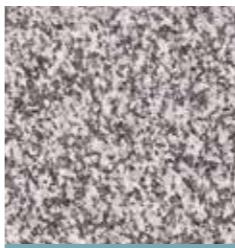
Our skilled craftspeople can create bespoke designs, allowing you to make something unique, personal and memorable.

Please note: We have done our best to reproduce the colours accurately here, but the final colour may vary. We recommend talking to our memorial specialist to choose the colours in person, if you are able to.

Materials and colours



Angolan Black



Cornish De Lank



Imperial Pink



Black Granite



Blue Pearl



Olive Green



Ruby Red



Aurora



White Carrara marble



Chinese Evergreen

Chippings and pebbles



Black glass chippings



Rose quartz chippings



Turquoise chippings



White marble pebbles



Polished pebbles

This is a small selection of the materials, colours and chippings we offer. To explore more options or share your ideas, please contact us.

Inscriptions, illustrations, photographs and carvings

Images and inscriptions celebrate the memory of a loved one, as a meaningful tribute for years to come.

We offer guidance on personalised inscriptions, including meaningful dedications, special messages, or quotes that reflect the life, wishes and values of the person they're honouring.

As well as choosing the lettering style for your inscription, you can also add illustrations, photos, badges and insignia to the headstone.

From floral motifs and religious emblems to hobbies, interests or bespoke artwork, these details help make each headstone feel more personal.

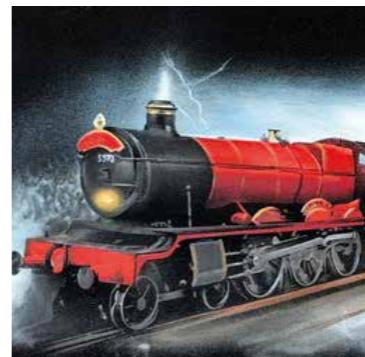
Supporting you with every detail

Book an appointment with our memorial specialist to talk through the different finishes. They are here to guide and support you with information and ideas.



An engraving can add an elegant touch to a headstone.

Explore our wide range of images, from engravings to colourful motifs.





We can accommodate for dedicated benches in some areas of our grounds.



Aurora desk



Blue pearl square vase



Bronze dove

Memorial accompaniments

Personalise their memorial with vases, plaques and more.

We have a range of memorial accompaniments to enhance your loved one's tribute, including vases, traditional plaques, photo plaques, granite books and wedges, tablets and ornaments.

Many of these can be personalised with meaningful inscriptions or images, to complement existing headstones.

A vase can be a thoughtful choice, so family and friends can leave flowers when they visit. We can also accommodate for dedicated benches in some areas of our grounds, as a comfortable spot to sit and reflect.

Finishing touches

For a cohesive and respectful tribute, several of our memorial accompaniments are available in matching materials and finishes. You can then personalise your chosen memorial, as a thoughtful way to honour your loved one.



A kerb set allows you to include an additional plaque with a personal dedication.

Bespoke memorials within our grounds

Our bespoke memorials offer the flexibility to create something unique.

For families seeking a unique and personal tribute, we offer fully bespoke memorials. These can be tailored to a specific design and may include larger-scale features such as monuments, benches or other integrated elements, to provide a distinctive resting place.

Personalised with care

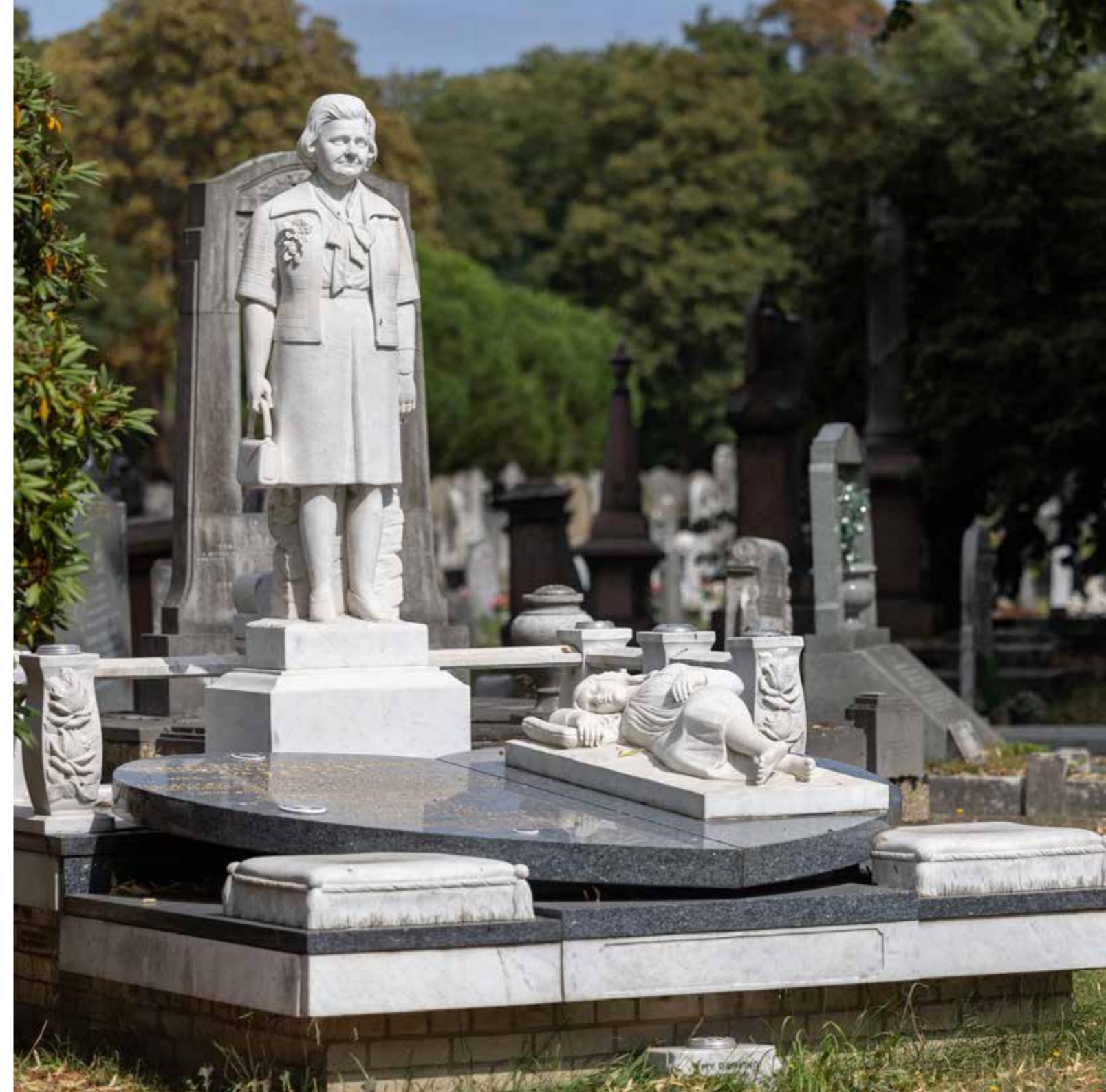
Every bespoke memorial is individually crafted to pay tribute to your loved one and the legacy they leave behind.

From intricate detailing to personalised inscriptions and designs, every element is carefully considered to create a memorial that is both distinctive and respectful.

Our team works closely with families throughout the process, offering guidance and reassurance at every stage. The result is a thoughtfully designed memorial to be appreciated for generations to come.



Bespoke memorials are available in a range of materials and finishes.



Call us for more information
or to arrange a visit

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