

Huntingdon Crematorium Update

Following the archaeological dig across the site, only a few shards of pottery were found along with details of ancient farming practices.

There was, however, one interesting find, that being the cremated human remains of a medieval resident, which have been recovered by the archaeologists.

Now at long last the Town Council is ready for the construction of the town's new crematorium and cemetery to commence, early in the new year. The initial stage will be an installation of the access road and the levelling and seeding of the new cemetery. The Town Council's Estates Services Team will then be undertaking the planting of trees and hedges, so that they are established before the cemetery is used as a burial ground in approximately two-years' time.

The crematorium chapel and buildings will commence construction in February/March and the Town Council is pleased to announce that the first all-electric cremator in the UK will be installed, which uses a 'Green Energy' supply and will be environmentally friendly.

In addition to the crematorium and cemetery, the Town Council will be relocating the Council Depot from St Peters Road, to the rear of the Crematorium. The reason for this



relocation is that the waste heat from the crematorium will be used, via a heat exchanger, to heat the new glasshouses, to grow the town's supply of plants for the summer and winter schemes. Rainwater from the depot building and glasshouses will be harvested to water the plants, with solar panels installed on to the depot building, to generate electricity to charge the battery-operated mowers and trimmers etc. The composting of flowers, grass cuttings, hedge trimmings will be undertaken on site, with the compost used on the flower beds and for growing plants. This will allow the Estates Services Team to be sustainable and proactively address environmental issues.