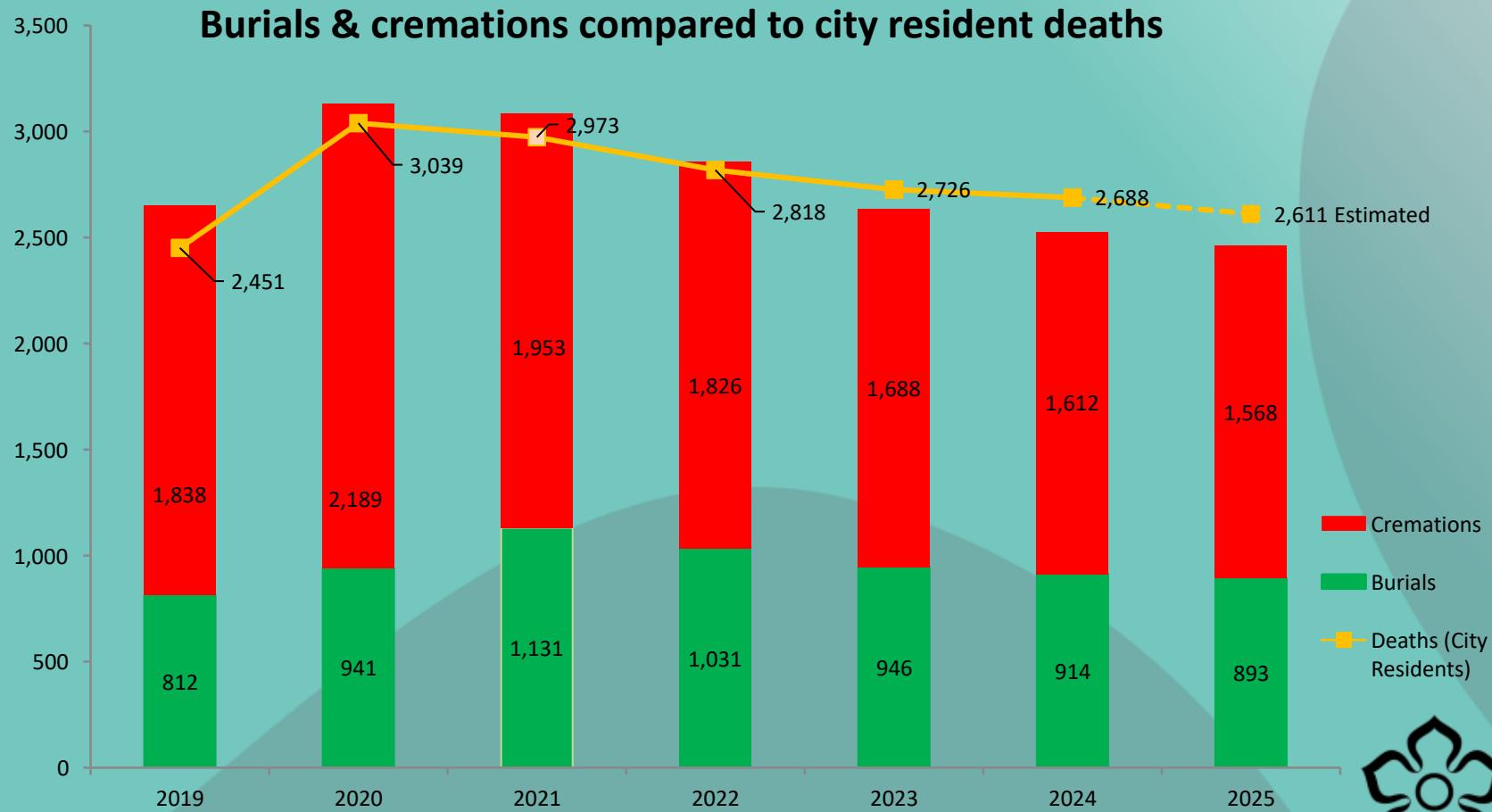


Bereavement Services

Culture and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee

January 2026

Demand for burials & cremations



Gilroes Cemetery improvements

- Improvement works include:
 - New internal road layout
 - Additional hearse and car parking provision (19 spaces)
 - Upgraded drainage infrastructure
 - Enhanced biodiversity landscaping
- Ground Control Ltd awarded contract
- Works onsite March 2026 to mid-July 2026
- Tree planting – Autumn/Winter 2026



Future burial space

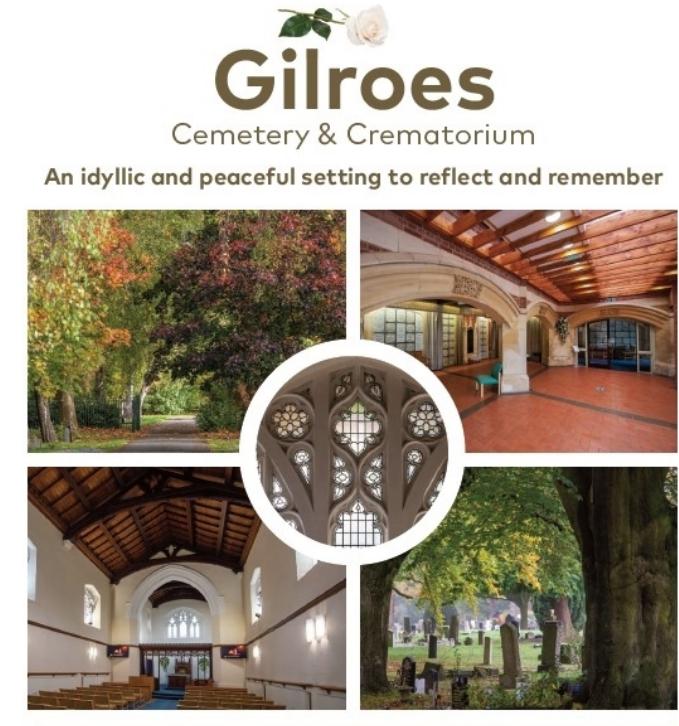
- 2,700 new graves available
- Burial rate up to 500 new graves every year
- New graves available until 2030/31
- Ongoing dialogue with faith communities
 - MBCOL cemetery feasibility
 - Jewish community
- New cemetery search on hold
 - Local Government Reorganisation
 - Law Commission Review



Gilroes Crematorium

Gilroes marketing & promotion

- Aim to promote Gilroes as the crematorium of choice for bereaved families in Leicester
- New council website early 2026
- New promotional materials
- Open Day summer 2026
- Benchmarked pricing



Personal and dignified funeral services

- Burials
- Cremations
- Direct cremations
- Puja services
- Digital music, tributes & webcasting
- Scattering of ashes
- Bespoke memorials
- Memorial gardens
- Two peaceful chapels
- Tranquil heritage landscape

Ask your funeral director about the full range of services available at Gilroes Crematorium, or contact us:



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Bereavement Services fee benchmarking

Burial fees	
Authority	New Adult Lawn Grave & Burial
Manchester	2,283
Derby	2,385
Bradford	2,638
Leicester	2,660
Nottingham	2,674
Peterborough	2,863
Milton Keynes	2,945
Bristol	3,005
Stoke	3,060
Sheffield	3,095
Leeds	3,290
Wolverhampton	3,350
Norwich	3,395
Birmingham	3,700
Sandwell	3,762
Gardens of Peace (Private Muslim cemeteries)	3,900
Solihull	3,945
Walsall	4,369
Coventry	4,445
Average	3,251

Cremation Fees				
	Attended Service	Off-Peak Attended	(Direct) Unattended Cremation	Saturday adult
Gilroes Crematorium	1,120	845	500	1,680
Countesthorpe	1,105-1,200	930	495	1,690
Great Glen	1,225-1,325	895	545	1,525
Loughborough	1,250	850	475	1,250

Law Commission review of burial & cremation legislation

- The Law Commission is seeking to reform the law of burial and cremation in England and Wales which is piecemeal, complex and outdated.
- 1st Phase: Burials & Cremation legislation
 - Public consultation took place October 2024 – January 2025
 - Different types of burial ground / Reuse of graves / Entitlement to ashes/ Ownership of medical implants
 - Report and recommendations due early 2026.
 - Links to 3rd phase so legislation changes not expected until 2028 earliest
- 2nd Phase: New funerary methods
 - Public consultation took place June 2025 – September 2025
 - Alkaline Hydrolysis & human composting
 - Report and draft Bill to be published Spring 2026
- 3rd Phase: Rights & Obligations legislation
 - Public consultation early 2026 (TBC)
 - Who has right to make decisions and are deceased's wishes legally binding?
 - Report and draft Bill 2027
 - Will include recommendations from 1st Phase

Questions?

