

Cemeteries' Records

Introduction

Most of the cities and large towns in Devon now have public cemeteries and a few have crematoria. These are separate from the graveyards associated with parish churches in towns and rural parishes, which are called 'parochial graveyards or parochial cemeteries'. The earliest public cemeteries were opened in the first half of the 19th century, as parish churchyards filled up, and the urban populations grew.



Exwick Cemetery, St. Thomas

These public cemeteries are generally known as 'non-parochial cemeteries', and are usually administered by the local City Council, Parish Council or District Council. Devon Heritage Centre and the two smaller record offices at Barnstaple and Plymouth do not hold the burial registers and graveyard plans for most of these public cemeteries and crematoria. Instead, the records are held by the local authority or organisation concerned.

Some of these have their own web-sites containing information on the location of cemeteries, and how to get in contact prior to a visit. A few websites also include an index to, or a transcription of their cemetery burial registers. The Devon Family History Society is also undertaking a digitizing programme for the burial registers of several public cemeteries.

Deceased Online (www.deceasedonline.com) is a relatively new website containing information from the burial records of an increasing number of public cemeteries and crematoria in Britain. Digitised records on the site originate from local authorities and the National Archives. The website includes a list of cemeteries and crematoria whose registers are part of the Deceased Online database.

Cemetery registers, transcripts, indexes and burial board records at the Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter

Non-parochial cemetery registers, other cemetery and burial board records, and burial transcripts and indexes held at the heritage centre are listed here. In a few cases only microfilm or a CD-Rom of the original registers are held at the heritage centre.

Note that recent registers - in some cases those dating from the early 20th century – are still usually held by the Council or organisation concerned. In some cases the Council has provided a burials database for you to search online.

- Bucks Mills, St Anne's Churchyard and Cemetery - Register transcript

- Colyton Burial Ground - Registers of graves and burials
- Cullompton Burial Board

Exeter Cemeteries - Registers

- Bartholomews Yard
- St Bartholomews New Cemetery
- Exeter Higher Cemetery
- Exeter St Thomas (Cowick Street)
- Exeter St Thomas (Exwick Road)
- St Leonard Burial Board

Exeter Cemeteries – Other records

- Topsham
- Exeter (Polsloe)
- Exeter (Old) St Thomas
- Exminster Cemetery
- Kingswear Cemetery - Registers of graves and burials
- Tavistock registration district - Index to burials
- Tedburn St Mary Burial Ground - registers
- Teignmouth Cemetery - Burial registers
- Tiverton Burial Board - Registers
- Torquay Cemetery - Registers and other cemetery records
- Totnes Burial Board

Councils and other organisations holding cemetery registers - General contact details

Dartmouth Town Council - Responsible for Dartmouth Cemetery

Council Offices
The Guildhall
Victoria Road
Dartmouth
Devon
TQ6 9RY

01803 – 832281

office@dartmouthtowncouncil.org

East Devon District Council - Responsible for Sidmouth, Sidbury and Seaton Cemeteries.

Knowle
Station Road
Sidmouth
Devon

01395 - 517411 (ext 2726)

Exeter Cemeteries - later records

Exeter City Council Bereavement Services and Cemeteries - Responsible for Higher Cemetery, St Marks Avenue, Heavitree; Exwick Cemetery, Exwick Road, Exwick; Topsham Cemetery, Elm Grove Road, Topsham

01392 265370

bereavement.services@exeter.gov.uk

Mid Devon District Council - Responsible for cemeteries at Tiverton and Crediton.
Burial Records Office
7 St Peter Street
Tiverton

01884 - 255255

Burial Records Office
Council Office
Market Street
Crediton

01363 - 773755

Tiverton Town Council
New Hall
Barrington Street
Tiverton

01884 – 2535404
bereavementservices@middevon.gov.uk

North Devon District Council - Responsible for Marlborough Road Cemetery in Ilfracombe
North Devon Council
North Devon Crematorium
Old Torrington Road
Barnstaple
EX31 3NW

01271 345431

Marlborough Road Cemetery
Marlborough Road
Ilfracombe
Devon
EX34 8PD

01271 864075

Plymouth Council - Efford Cemetery, Weston Mill Cemetery, Longcause Cemetery, Ridge Cross Cemetery

cemeteries@plymouth.gov.uk

Ford Park Cemetery Trust - Manages Ford Park Cemetery in Plymouth
Ford Park Cemetery Trust
Ford Park Road
Plymouth
PL4 6NT

01752 665442

Tavistock Town Council - Responsible for Tavistock Cemetery
Tavistock Cemetery
Cemetery Lodge

Plymouth Road
Tavistock
PL19 8BY

01822 612799 (cemetery assistant)

Teignbridge District Council - Responsible for cemeteries at Dawlish, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot and Teignmouth
Cemetery Section
Green Spaces
Forde Road Offices
Forde Road
Newton Abbot
Devon
TQ12 4AD

01626 215850
greenspaces@teignbridge.gov.uk

Torrige District Council - Responsible for cemeteries at Bideford, Holsworthy, Northam and Torrington

Cemetery Services
Torrige District Council
Riverbank House
Bideford
Devon
EX39 2QG

01237 428700
cemeteries@torridge.gov.uk

Crematoria in Devon

Devon Heritage Centre holds some records related to Torquay Crematorium only. For information about other cremations, please contact the crematoria listed below:

Exeter and surrounding areas

Cremations take place at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium which opened in November 1963 and is now run independently by Dignity Funerals.

Exeter & Devon Crematorium
Topsham Road
Exeter
EX2 6EU

01392 496333

North Devon

The North Devon Crematorium is a joint service provided by North Devon Council and Torrige District Council.

North Devon Crematorium
Old Torrington Road
Barnstaple
Devon

EX31 3NW

01271 345431

crematorium@northdevon.gov.uk

Plymouth Crematorium, Efford - Opened in 1963

Plymouth Crematorium
Efford Road
Plymouth
PL3 6NG

01752 306104

Weston Mill Crematorium, Plymouth - The Weston Mill Cemetery opened in 1904. It was originally known as Devonport Borough Cemetery. The crematorium opened in 1967

Weston Mill Cemetery Lodge
Ferndale Road
Plymouth
PL2 2EP

Torquay and surrounding areas

Torbay Cemeteries and Crematorium
Hele Road
Torquay
TQ2 7QG

01803 327768

Torbay Cemeteries and Crematorium records held at Devon Heritage Centre are in two uncatalogued deposits belonging to the Torbay Cemeteries and Crematorium collection [ref: 4241C]. Those relating to the crematorium are as follows:

Collection 4241C/acc: 7366 (uncatalogued):

Indexes to cremation registers, Torquay Crematorium, 1956-1991
Cremation fees book, Torquay Crematorium, 1965-1989.

Collection 4241C/acc: 7359 (uncatalogued):

Papers and correspondence, building of crematorium, 1951-1954
Proposed purchase by Torbay Borough Council, 1974-1975
Paignton and Torquay Cemeteries and Crematorium undertaking, 1975
Leaflet, visit of Cremation Society of Great Britain, 1976
Draft position statement, Cemeteries and Crematorium Section, Borough Engineers Department, Torbay Council, 1979
Programme, opening of modernised crematorium, Torquay, 1986
Plans, graveyards, buildings and extensions, Torquay Cemetery and Crematorium, 1939-1992
Photographs, negatives, Torquay Cemetery and Crematorium, 20th century

East Devon Crematorium - Opened in 2011 and is just off the A30 Daisymount junction, between Exeter and Honiton. It serves a large area of East Devon and West Dorset stretching from Exmouth to Bridport.

East Devon Crematorium
London Road
Strete Raleigh
Whimble
EX5 2PT

01404 823017

Devon's public cemeteries

- Axminster Cemetery
- Bear Street Cemetery, Barnstaple
- Bideford Cemetery
- Bovey Tracey Cemetery
- Bradninch Cemetery
- Chudleigh Town Cemetery
- Colyton Cemetery
- Crediton Cemetery
- Cullompton Town Cemetery
- Longcross Cemetery, Dartmouth
- Dawlish Cemetery
- Exeter's old public cemeteries
- Exeter Higher Cemetery
- Exminster Cemetery
- Exwick Cemetery
- Holsworthy Cemetery
- Ivybridge - Woodlands
- Kingswear Cemetery
- Newton Abbot
- Northam Cemetery
- Ottery St. Mary
- Paignton Cemetery
- Plymouth: Ford Park
- Seaton
- Sidbury Cemetery
- Sidmouth Cemetery
- Tavistock
- North Tawton
- Tedburn St Mary
- Teignmouth
- Tiverton Cemetery
- Topsham
- Torquay
- Totnes
- Woodbury Cemetery

Devon Heritage Centre
Great Moor House
Bittern Road
Exeter
EX2 7NL

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Website: www.swheritage.org.uk/devon-archives

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