

# Memoria announce

## Three New Crematoria

Memoria, a new company specialising in the provision of cremation services, announces the building of three important new crematoria. The company, which was formed in May of 2003 with the intention of building new facilities in under served areas of the United Kingdom, is believed to be the first to ever undertake the building of three facilities at the same time. The directors are delighted to have been selected by the concerned local authorities and believe that this demonstrates their commitment to deliver leading state of the art crematoria which will fulfil an important need to the local communities they are intended to serve.

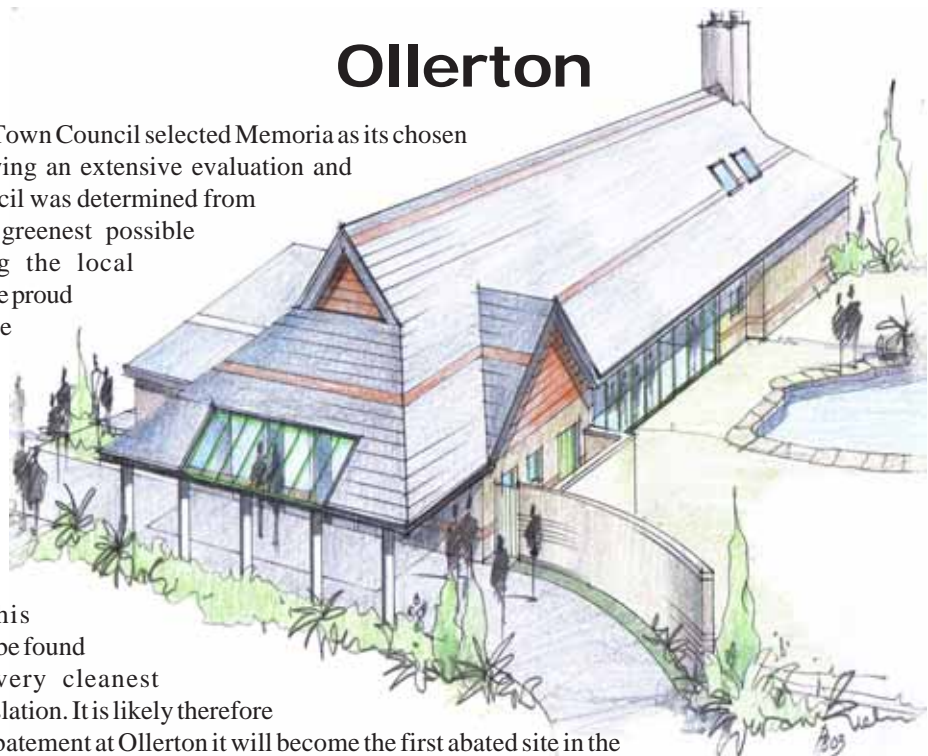
Memoria's directors have an exceptional record in the funeral and cremation business and can call on over sixty years of professional experience in this field. As a result they not only have the technical expertise but also understand how crematoria are best designed to meet the needs of funeral directors and the public they serve. Working with Memoria is an experienced team of developers, builders, architects and manufacturers who have been brought together to ensure that the new facilities will not only be provided in a timely fashion but with the benefit from the unique nature of these combined skills. For example the advent of mercury abatement has been allowed for by the architects and thus avoids the problems of retro fitting that potentially besets so many existing crematoria in the UK at the present time.

Memoria operates from its headquarters at Stratton Audley in Oxfordshire and is backed up by an experienced team in the field. The company expects to follow the building of these first three facilities with a number of similar projects throughout the country and is already working on two other developments that should come to fruition in the near future.

The facility at Ollerton in Nottinghamshire will most likely be the first to use mercury abatement equipment in the U.K. Catafalque, books of remembrance and chapel fittings will be provided by Hilton Studios of Lichfield. Hilton has been selected for their long standing excellence, service and craftsmanship. The Memorial Partnership of Hove has uniquely designed the memorial gardens at all three sites. The architect is Philip Baldry of Art-tech Great Yarmouth and the initial construction will be carried out by Messrs Stepnell Ltd of Rugby Warwickshire.

### Ollerton

The Ollerton and Boughton Town Council selected Memoria as its chosen provider and partner following an extensive evaluation and tendering process. The council was determined from the outset to achieve the greenest possible solution whilst providing the local community with a facility to be proud of. Ollerton was formerly the site of extensive coal mining and following the closure of the pit the council began a visionary mission to develop an energy village. The village was a totally green concept and now draws visitors from around the world. Given this commitment a partner had to be found who would install the very cleanest equipment regardless of legislation. It is likely therefore that with the installation of abatement at Ollerton it will become the first abated site in the U.K. It will be constructed to a standard 'Memoria' design and contain a chapel seating 80 persons.





## Chorley



Situated at Charnock Richard and realising a long held ambition of Chorley Borough Council this new facility will end lengthy journeys for the bereaved in this part of North West England. The design features many of the elements of the Ollerton facility and may be generally termed a 'Memoria' style facility. Set in pleasant meadows to the east of Chorley the site lies close to areas of outstanding natural beauty but also allows rapid access onto the main trunk roads and the M6. Mourners attending the facility will overlook peaceful classic English countryside, punctuated only by grazing livestock, the crematorium will initially have one large size cremator fitted with space for a second and associated abatement. The memorial gardens have been designed solely for Memoria and by The Memorial Partnership.

## Bury



Bury Metropolitan Borough Council is the largest local authority in England or Wales without a cremation facility. Currently, families who suffer bereavement in the borough must travel to Rochdale, Bolton or Manchester for cremation. The new facility located at Radcliffe and adjoining the cemetery will be a traditional full size crematorium as opposed to the community style of the other two developments. The site has presented many challenges to the team that Memoria have assembled - not least the provision of services into the location. The building overlooks some striking scenery which includes the now disused and highly attractive water reservoirs of the old cotton industry. The crematorium will be fitted with two cremators and with space for the associated abatement plant.

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