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## FUNERAL DIRECTORS

J T Byrne Funeral Directors is a privately owned and independent family funeral directors which was established in 1989 by John & Christine Byrne. After many years serving a large multinational company, John & Christine felt that they could provide a much more caring and sensitive service.

In 1999 John Byrne Jnr joined his mother and father within the family funeral directors, followed by their daughter, Angela in 2010. To this day, J T Byrne Funeral Directors is a truly independent funeral directors owned by the Byrne family.

As one of the only fully qualified firms of funeral directors in Thornton Cleveleys, Fleetwood and Bispham, we can guarantee that you will receive a truly professional service that is provided by local people and which focuses on your needs. We do all we can to help you through the shock of losing a loved one and provide you with the support you need to make it through the difficult days ahead.

## MEMORIAL HEADSTONES

At J T Byrne Funeral Directors we understand that choosing a fitting memorial for a loved one is a very personal and emotional decision. We will help and guide you through this process, explaining all the different options that are available to ensure that you are completely satisfied with the memorial you have chosen.

We are on hand to liaise with our trusted stonemasons, handling the applications for permits in the relevant churchyard or cemetery and making sure that the memorial conforms to the relevant regulations. Our stonemasons are BRAMM registered - British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons ensuring that memorial work is to the highest standard.

Should there be a memorial that you would like which isn't featured in our brochure, please do not hesitate to let us know and we will do our utmost to provide the fitting memorial tribute you have in mind.



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Funeral Plans 



## **WHAT IS A MEMORIAL?**

A memorial is a permanent symbol of remembrance and is the traditional way of paying tribute to a relative or friend who has died. Our experienced team will be able to help you choose the right memorial and advise you through the whole process to ensure that the finished product is to your requirements. At all stages our clients can, if they wish, inspect the memorial prior to it being placed on the grave.

## **TYPES OF MEMORIAL**

The majority of memorials consist of natural materials -stone, slate, marble and granite - which are able to withstand the elements for many years, are strong and durable and can be shaped and personalised to a client's wishes.

### **CREMATED REMAINS MEMORIAL**

Many cemeteries and churchyards have an area for the burial or scattering of cremated remains. These memorials are often smaller in size and may be of a flat tablet / wedge tablet / desk tablet style or vase.

### **HEADSTONES**

These are available in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and finishes and once the inscription has been chosen, can be personalised further by adding photographs or designs.

### **KERB SETS AND LARGER MEMORIALS**

In some cemeteries and churchyards permission maybe granted to erect larger memorials. These are supplied, as are all headstones, with full anti-subsidence platforms and the use of rustless dowels into all possible mortar joints to improve the strength.

## **EXISTING MEMORIALS**

Our team are able to clean, renovate and add inscriptions to all memorials. We safely store memorials that have been removed to allow new burials to take place and following instructions from our client, are able to carry out additional work and the refixing of the completed memorial.

## **REGULATIONS**

Cemeteries and churchyard authorities have set guidelines that limit the size, nature of stone, finish, design and inscription of the memorial. We can advise you on these and prior to ordering the stone, will submit a written application to the church or cemetery office on your behalf for approval.

There is general concern about the safety of memorials in our churchyards and cemeteries. There have been injuries caused by memorials falling onto individuals. To prevent further accidents fixing practices have been applied that include a device that will allow the memorial to be taken apart but prevent the memorial from toppling over. We incorporate these devices, where appropriate, in all of our memorials. When a memorial is removed for a burial to take place often the cemetery regulations require modification for one of these devices to be fitted.

## LETTERING

We specialise in sandblast lettering and offer a range of styles and fonts. Clients are provided with a proof drawing for approval prior to marking the stone. We can also hand cut lettering or produce traditional lead lettering to match that on existing memorials. Lettering can be left as cut, painted or gilded to suit the stone colour. We offer a range of inscribed, standard designs or clients can provide their own.

### **Arial Black**

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**  
**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

### **Bembo Bold**

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**  
**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

### **Caxton Bold**

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**  
**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

### **Chancery Bold**

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**  
**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

### **France**

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### **Optima Bold**

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**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

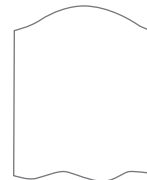
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**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

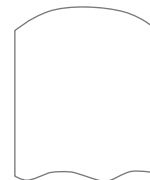
## UPRIGHT HEADSTONES

These come in an almost infinite variety of sizes, shapes and finishes. We display many at our premises to aid the client in designing the required memorial. Once the type of finish of the headstone and inscription, along with font has been chosen, the client can inspect the memorial prior to erection on the grave should they wish.

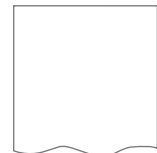
### A SELECTION OF HEADSTONE SHAPES



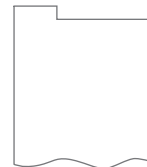
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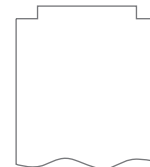
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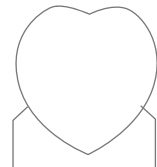
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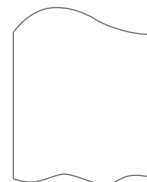
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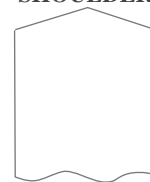
**CHECKED  
SHOULDER**



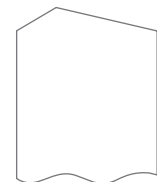
**HEART**



**HALF OGEE**



**PEON**



**HALF PEON**

### A SELECTION OF HEADSTONE BASE SHAPES



**OVAL**



**SQUARE**



**BOW**

## CHOOSING A MEMORIAL

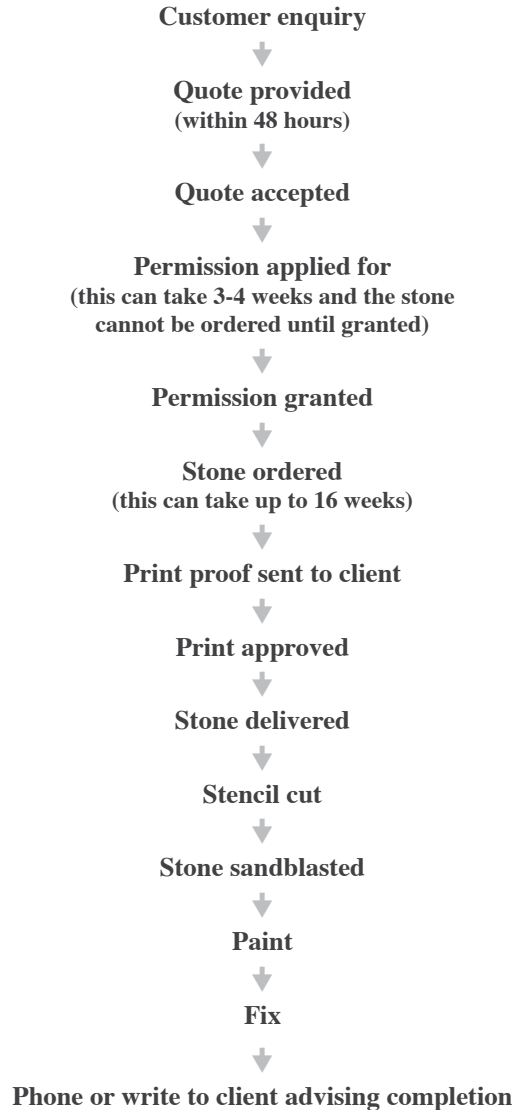
There are several factors to consider; local regulations may dictate some or all of these. Firstly choose the style (headstone, book, tablet or kerbset). Choose a type of stone, a font for the lettering and any additional carving or design. Lastly decide upon the actual inscription. If you see a memorial you like the look of in a local cemetery we are very willing to inspect and reproduce it for you.

## ORDERING

With new memorial work, we prefer to discuss your requirements at one of our offices, where we can show samples of stone and lettering. We would then provide a full estimate of all costs and once approved, proceed with gaining permission for the memorial from the cemetery or churchyard regulatory body. Once this has been obtained, we would order the blank stone which, depending on colour and finish, may take up to 14 weeks to arrive. During this time we would provide proof drawings of the inscription where appropriate and once the stone has been received, complete the inscription and fix, as soon as weather and ground conditions permit.

This whole process can take up to 14–16 weeks to complete, depending on the complexity of the memorial. With this in mind it is advisable to commence the ordering process well ahead of a particular date or occasion for completion. Work to existing memorials will take much less time to complete.

## MEMORIAL PROCEDURES



# GRANITE

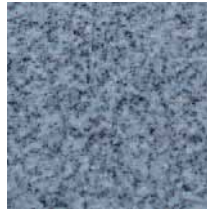
Granite is commonly used for its decorative and hard wearing properties. Although granite is widely used, we source polished granite memorials from Asia and the far east. It can be polished, honed or left with a rustic finish.



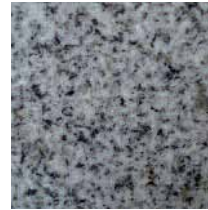
Balmoral Red



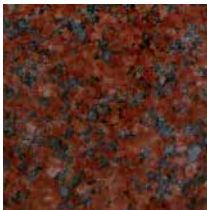
Black



Silver Grey



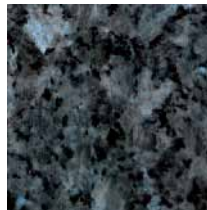
Karin Grey



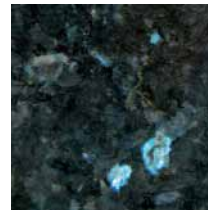
Ruby Red



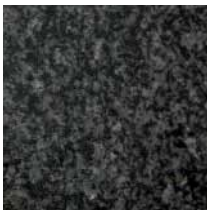
Royal Green



Blue Pearl



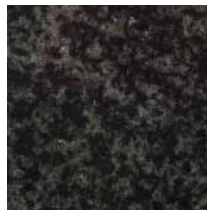
Emerald Pearl



Dark Grey



Jupiter Red



Indian Light Grey



Glenaby

Colours are for representation only and will change according to the finish polished/honed/rustic.

## OTHER STONE TYPES

There are several types of marble and limestones commonly used in memorial masonry. These tend to weather to allow a more natural look after two to three years. Marble is not permitted in churchyards.

### MARBLE - GALCITE STONE



White



Grey

### SANDSTONE

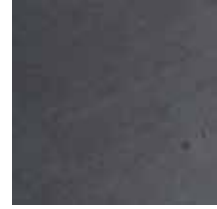


Yorkstone

### SLATE



Green



Grey

### LIMESTONE



Purbeck Stone



Wessex Buff



Portland Stone



Nabresina (Italian)

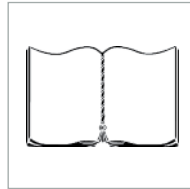
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## SANDBLAST DESIGNS *The below are examples, other designs are available on request*

In addition to an inscription you may consider some additional message to be conferred by the memorial through an image or picture. In addition to those below we can offer a bespoke service for most subjects. There are additional carvings options for the churchyard style memorials.



Bird



Book



Daffodils and Cross



Fuchsia



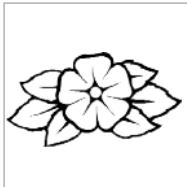
Rose 1



Rose 2



Rose 4



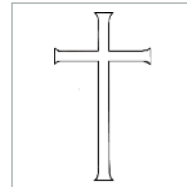
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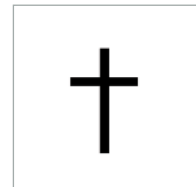
Wheat 1



Daisy



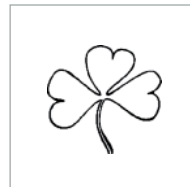
Cross 1



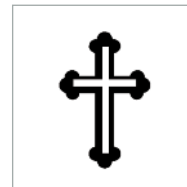
Cross 2



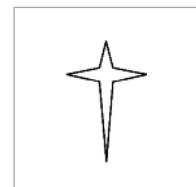
RAF Wings



Shamrock



Cross 3



Cross 4



# LASER AND HAND CARVED DESIGNS

*The below are examples, other designs are available on request*



Albrough inset 4



Albrough inset 5



Albrough inset 2



Ballet Bunny



Beverley Madonna



Bumby Praying  
Hands



Dunswell Design



Easington Dove



1HR Design  
(Cricket)



Fairy Design  
Letters



Hands Grade A



HR Design  
Football



Baby on Moon



Snow Drops



Last Supper



Gerald on Bike



Goalie Saving



Golden Retriever



Horse Racing



Praying Hands

# TABLETS AND VASES



JTB-M1



JTB-M2



JTB-M3



JTB-M4



JTB-M5



JTB-M6



JTB-M7



JTB-M8



JTB-M9

Available in any stone material

## GRANITE HEADSTONES



JTB-M10



JTB-M11



JTB-M12



JTB-M13



JTB-M14



JTB-M15



JTB-M16



JTB-M17



JTB-M18



JTB-M19





JTB-M20



JTB-M21



JTB-M22



JTB-M23



JTB-M24



JTB-M25



JTB-M26



JTB-M27



JTB-M28



JTB-M29



JTB-M30



JTB-M31



JTB-M32



JTB-M33

## CHURCHYARD STYLE MEMORIALS

We can supply the following stones in any of the limestone, marble and sandstone colours.



JTB-M34



JTB-M35



JTB-M36



JTB-M37





JTB-M38



JTB-M39



JTB-M40



JTB-M41



JTB-M42



JTB-M43



JTB-M44



JTB-M45

JTB-M46



JTB-M47

## MONOLITHS

JTB-M48



JTB-M49



## CHILDREN'S MEMORIALS



JTB-M50



JTB-M51



JTB-M52



JTB-M53



JTB-M54



JTB-M55





JTB-M56



JTB-M57



JTB-M58



JTB-M59



JTB-M60



JTB-M61

## KERB STONES

We have many different types available.



JTB-M62



JTB-M63



JTB-M64

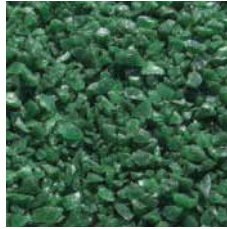


JTB-M65

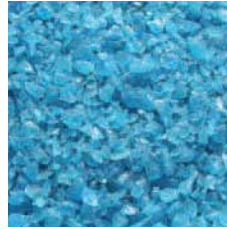
## COLOURED CHIPPINGS



Cobalt Blue Glass



Green Glass



Turquoise Glass



Ice White Glass



Lilac Glass



White Quartz



Polished Pebbles



Slate



Grey Granite



White Marble

# HOME & GARDEN MEMORIALS

The below are examples, other designs are available on request



JTB-M66



JTB-M67



JTB-M68



JTB-M69



JTB-M70

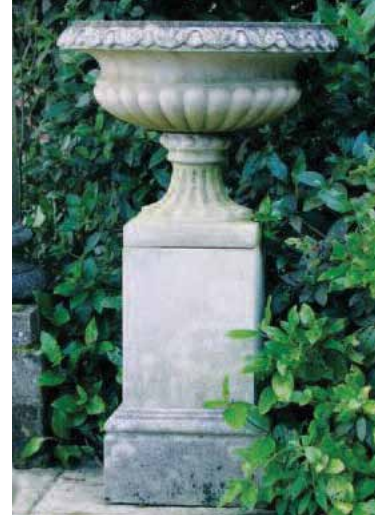


JTB-M71

Also suitable for your beloved pet.



## BIRD BATHS AND PLANTERS





## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A FULL PRICE LIST WITH YOUR BROCHURES?**

Because we can supply any style of headstone, in many different coloured stones, it would be impossible to create a price list of each headstone in every colour.

### **WHY HAS MY MEMORIAL TAKEN LONGER THAN EXPECTED?**

The majority of headstones are completed well within the 12-14 weeks estimated time, even though most supplies come from India & China. Unfortunately, some more unusual coloured stones take longer to arrive and we advise customers if this is the case.

### **WHY CAN'T YOU JUST REMOVE/ERECT A STONE FROM A CEMETERY/CHURCH YARD IMMEDIATELY?**

We are bound by the regulations governing cemeteries/churchyards. No work can proceed until we have officially obtained permission from the regulatory body for that particular cemetery/churchyard.

### **WHY DOES A HEADSTONE NEED AN ANCHOR SYSTEM?**

In the interest of health and safety, a change in regulations (issued in 2005) for cemeteries and churchyards now requires headstones to be fixed with an anchor system approved by the National Association of Monumental Masons. This system is designed to allow headstones to move, but to prevent them from toppling over completely.



## GRAVE TENDING

Many of our clients have expressed a need to ensure that graves throughout our area are maintained in their absence at a frequency and on a date stipulated by them (and with a photographic record of the condition before and after the visit). This service works closely with our memorial masonry team to ensure that each memorial is regularly inspected so that damage or remedial work is identified and reported to clients.

### ON EACH VISIT WE WILL:

- Lightly clean (soap and water) the memorial
- Clean all memorial pots
- Remove all dead flowers, plants and leaf litter
- Trim and edge grass
- Lightly prune any bushes or shrubs
- Place fresh seasonal flowers into the existing grave vase
- Provide before and after photographs and report on the memorial

### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

- Christmas Holly Crosses and Wreaths
- Replacement vases and flower holders
- Planting of bulbs
- Planting of seasonal plants / heathers
- Adding of top soil
- Turfing work
- Re-levelling of memorial
- Replace chippings
- Full chemical / mechanical cleaning
- Full remedial work to memorial

Knowing that a loved ones grave looks respectable and dignified gives security and peace of mind.



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