

SUPPLIERS TO THE BEREAVEMENT SECTOR

ROUND TABLE EVENT 8th APRIL 2021

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 10am



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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

- No one person or organisation or government policy will solve the issue of the climate emergency for you and your business. It will require effort from all parts of society and is as much a cultural shift as a policy one. You know your business better than anyone so it's imperative that you get as much information as possible to help know the risks and opportunities so you can create bespoke practical plans to ensure the continued sustainability and success of your sector.
- Through partnerships and good communication and being curious we will help understand the challenges we all face better and can work to achieve the optimal results we seek and ensure that we minimise the impact of the inevitable change that's coming through the climate emergency.
- Lee Rawlinson Director of Regulated Industry The Environmental Agency

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO?

- To help the sector to understand and engage with the Climate Emergency issues
- To act as a focal point for the sector on Environmental issues
- To provide a space for engagement and dialogue
- To listen to concerns, understand barriers and help find common ground for all
- To influence thoughts on regulation and joined up thinking

WHY?

- To provide a joint response to the challenges identified in the Climate Emergency declarations in the UK
- To show as a sector we recognise that our daily activities cause damage to the environment
- To help provide a consensus of response in where we are and where we want to be
- To help understand and support the requirements that will have to take place within the sector
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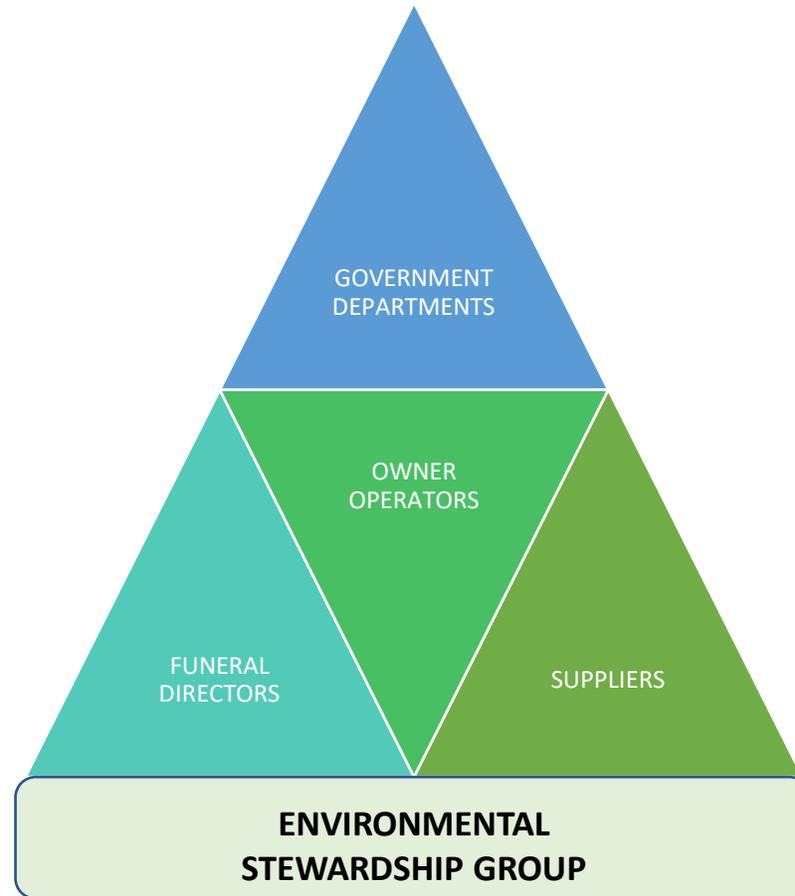
OBJECTIVES

- **Protect the environment**
 - To take a series of measures to reduce existing and negative impacts by 2025
- **Promote continuous improvement**
 - To establish an industry wide approach to driving positive change and innovation
- **Shape regulatory requirements**
 - To influence, legislation, guidance and advice that reflects the industry as a whole
- **Communicating commitment**
 - To embed within the sector pro active and positive commitment to promoting the sectors actions and efforts.

BEREAVEMENT SECTOR

- The sector is a £2.5bn, p.a. entity in the UK economy
- It supports over 7500 businesses
- The marketplace has both Public and Private organisations delivering end of life services and supplies.
- It responds to a number of Government Departments who provide legislation, guidance, advice and support.
- It self polices its activities.
- It is not openly talked about outside of its practitioners.

HIGH LEVEL GROUPINGS IN THE SECTOR



GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY

- The Government has produced its 10 point action plan
- The Committee of Climate Change has delivered the 6th Carbon Budget
- The targets and timescales have changed
- This is the biggest impact and opportunity of our lifetime
- Brexit has created a number of changes in terms of Law and Guidance
- The Environment Agency is now leading on the UK Emission Trading Scheme
- The establishment of the Office for Environment Protection
- 2021 will see a raft of new legislation, guidance and advice for our sector.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- It is a sector that significantly damages the environment daily
- Air Quality
 - CO2, Nox, PM10.
- Water quality
 - Groundwater, Necro leachates, Plastics.
- Soil quality
 - Chemicals, viruses, bacteria.
- Biodiversity
 - Cutting, Cleaning, Trees & Shrubs.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

- **Transport**
 - Air
 - Sea
 - Land.
- **Energy**
 - Fossil Fuel
 - Electrification
 - Hydrogen
 - Energy Crops
- **Materials**
 - Single use Plastics
 - Natural Capital
 - Recycling
- **Customer**
 - Education
 - CMA
 - ASA

BREAKOUT ROOMS

- What challenges do you and your business foresee by this activity?
- What positive outcomes do you expect and what negative outcomes do you expect?
- If regulations were to be imposed on you, what do you think they would be?
- How can the ESG help you in addressing these issues?

FEEDBACK

- Thank you to each co-ordinator, please send the outcomes of your discussions to info@environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk
- Individual comments are also welcome
- Key themes to date so far:
 - Understanding –reluctance to change; “tradition”; impacts on us; where are we?
 - Information – what to measure; need a destination road map; what can be done now?
 - Action – Environmental Assessment; source of information; who is our advocate?
 - **Nb. – Local Authority actions will increase across all service areas.**
- Robert Swann said,
“The biggest threat to our planet are those who think someone else will save it.”

SIGNPOSTING

- What help is there for us?
- Who can we contact for support?
- What is the latest information for our sector?
- Where can we find out more?
- When will we know how our sector is responding to the challenge?
- www.environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk

NEXT MEETING

- Mini review for new commers
- Update on progress made in the sector
- Identification of barriers
- Innovative approaches
- Food for thought

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10th June at 10am
- Please book at info@environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk
- Please encourage your friends and colleagues in the supply sector to join in.

FINAL WORDS

- “Today is a Big Day, you will not regret it, your decision to address these issues will lead you to a better place, a better economic place.”
- “You can look at this negatively, as a difficult challenge, or a huge opportunity. Remember there is not much choice in reducing carbon, NOx and improving land management, embrace it, be bold and make a real and lasting change”.
- **“In a sector with a great degree of sensitivity around cultural change, the court of public opinion is changing fast, sustainability and environmental issues are at the forefront of market change, those who rise to this challenge will be at the forefront of market advantage, those who lag behind will be at a significant disadvantage”**

Richard Macdonald, Deputy Chair, The Environment Agency



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