



ICCS

Islington and Camden Cemetery Services

New Grave Purchase Information
2025-2026

Types of Graves

Lawn grave

A lawn grave allows for a classic headstone and base combination, designed to be fixed at the head of a burial plot. They are available in varying sizes which allows for differing sized memorial stones. You cannot cover the full grave with a memorial on a lawn style grave.



Traditional grave

A traditional memorial allows for a combination of a headstone and kerbs that is designed to cover the entire grave space. You do not have to do this as you can place a headstone only if you choose to do so. They are available in varying sizes which allows for differing sized memorial stones



Woodland grave

A woodland grave is an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional and lawn style graves. Marking the burial position with a memorial must adhere to this ethos and there are strict rules around the materials that can be used.



Mausolea

A mausolea is an above ground burial chamber. The chambers can accommodate a single interment and has a blank inscription panel already in place. Coffins or caskets must be zinc lined when being interred within a mausolea chamber.



Vault

A vault is an below ground burial chamber. The chambers can accommodate two interments overall and has a blank inscription panel already in place. Coffins or caskets must be zinc lined when being interred within a vault chamber.



Grave rights are issued for a period of 60 years. These are known as the Exclusive Rights. Only the registered grave owner can authorise a burial or the memorialisation of a grave. These rights can be extended upon request.

What happens after the burial?

Following the funeral, the grave is backfilled using the soil excavated from it. A certain amount of 'mounding up' of the grave takes place in anticipation of ground sinkage. In our cemeteries the 'mound' is a thick clay material, which is the soil excavated from the grave. Any floral arrangements will then be placed on the grave.

During the weeks after the burial the Council staff will conduct regular checks of recently backfilled graves, as well as monitoring graves after periods of rainfall. After identifying which graves need top ups, staff will schedule time to carry out these works.

Subsided graves will be topped up by our staff until the soil has compacted naturally. A grave may need to be topped up on several occasions over an extended period of time.

What to do if you notice gravesubsidence?

You can help us manage grave subsidence by submitting a request for a grave top up.

To assist the process, please take note of the grave's location and other details such as the name on the memorial or area of the cemetery so that we can locate the grave on our system.

After identifying the grave, we will log a maintenance request and Council staff will schedule it in to a series of top ups. Weather permitting, most top ups are completed within ten working days.

When can I place a memorial?

We advise that memorials are placed after the 12 month anniversary. This allows for the grave to have fully settled meaning that no further movement or subsidence will occur. Erecting a memorial sooner may lead to damage or it becoming un level.

Memorials can take 4-6 months to arrange so bear this in mind if you wish to place your memorial for a specific time or date.

How do I arrange a memorial?

Any memorials being placed must be authorised by the registered rights holder. A mason of your choice can be used as long as they are NAMM or BRAMM registered.

The service also offer memorial services through its dedicated memorial team.

You can contact a member of the team to discuss your requirements on 020 752 8300 selecting option 3.

Alternately you can email the team at iccsmemorials@islington.gov.uk for a no obligation quotation.

ICCS fees and charges 2025 / 2026

Islington & St Pancras Cemeteries

Interment fees

The interment fee is the burial fee. This is the fee for digging the grave at the time of the burial. Residency is based on the deceased at the time of need.

	Resident	Non Resident
Classic / 7x 3 / 9x 4 / Woodland Graves	£1500.00	£2600.00
Front Lawn Graves	£2750.00	£3580.00
Mausolea / Vault Burial Chambers	£1160.00	£1160.00

Grave purchase fees

Grave purchase fees are fees relating to the purchase of the burial and memorial rights of a grave. Rights are granted for a period of 60 years however can be extended upon request. Residency is based on the registered rights holder.

	Resident	Non Resident
Classic Grave (6'6 x 2'2)	£1,995.00	£4,050.00
7 x 3 Grave	£3,100.00	£5,395.00
Woodland Grave (7' x 3')	£2,975.00	£4,980.00
Front Lawn Grave (7' x 3')	£5,000.00	£8,345.00
Maulsolea Burial Chamber (Front)	£12,000.00	£13,500.00
Maulsolea Burial Chamber (Rear)	£9,500.00	£10,000.00
Vault Burial Chamber	£12,000.00	£13,500.00

Please Note: Coffins / Caskets cannot exceed the overall dimensions of the grave space selected.
Please check with your chosen funeral director to confirm which graves will be suitable.

The term "resident" refers to those residing in the boroughs of Islington or Camden. To receive this, Islington and Camden residents will need to submit a utility bill or bank statement dated within last 3 months, current year Council tax bill or driving license as proof of residency. Failure to do so may result in the non-resident fee being applied.

Media, Streaming and Tributes

For services held in our burial chapel we offer a range of media options to personalise your loved one's funeral with music, video and photos that truly reflect their personality and passions.

We work with funeral media specialists Obitus, to deliver high quality audio-visual services to give you the funeral service you want.

We also have the facilities to stream and record the service for those who are unable to attend.

We can also provide Keepsakes of the service, the Tribute video, or both, to be watched in the future.

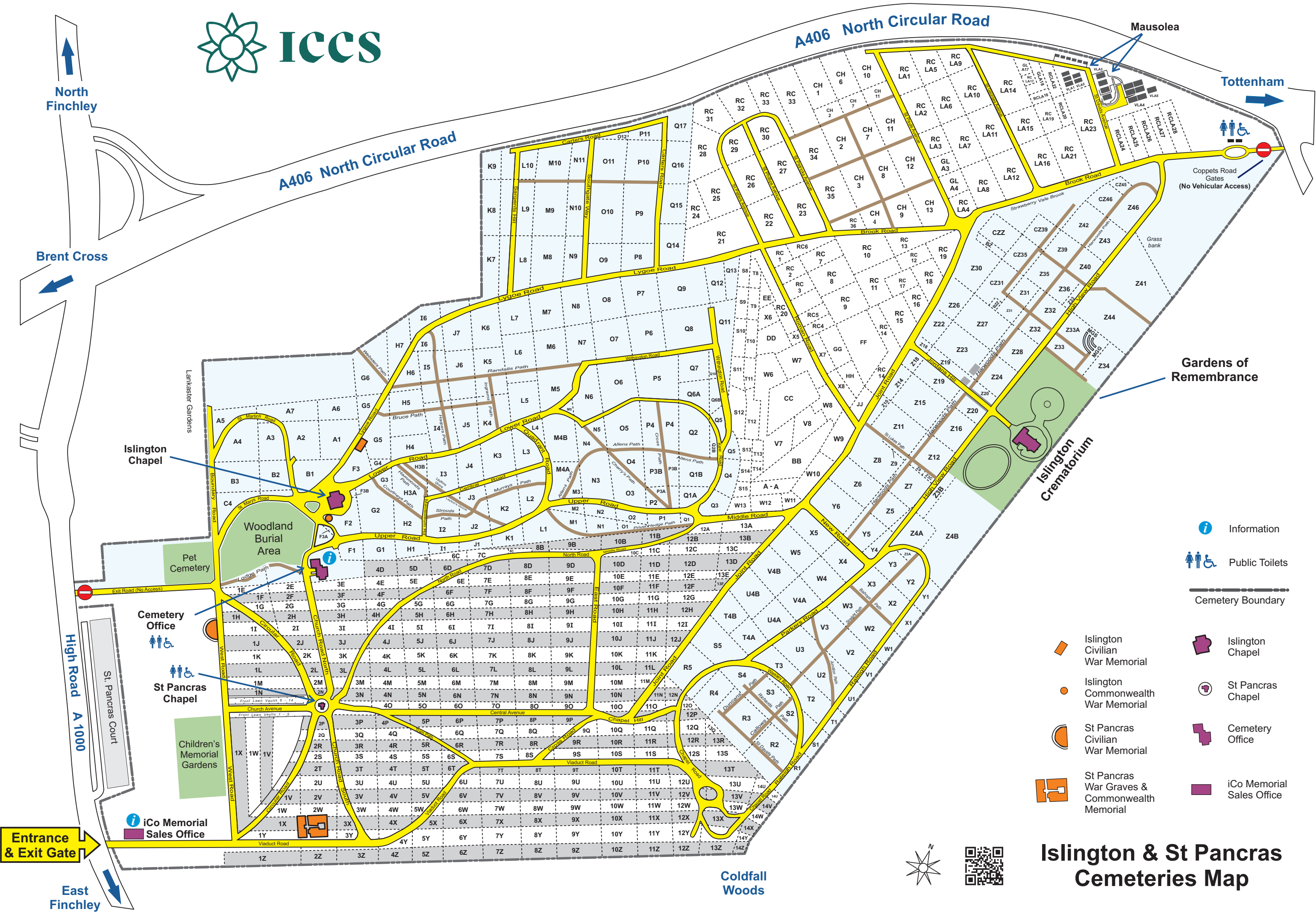
For young people under the age of 18, we offer free Live & On Demand Streaming, a Single Photo and a Basic Slideshow of up to 25 photos.

Alternatively, the value of these products can be credited against a more premium option if preferred.



Obitus

For support please contact Obitus on 03333 447 440 or speak to your chosen Funeral Director.



Information

Public Toilets

Cemetery Boundary

Islington Civilian War Memorial

Islington Commonwealth War Memorial

St Pancras Civilian War Memorial

St Pancras War Graves & Commonwealth Memorial

Islington Chapel

St Pancras Chapel

Cemetery Office

iCo Memorial Sales Office

Islington & St Pancras Cemeteries Map

