



Adam & Greenwood

Funeral Home

Specialist Services

When a loved one passes away abroad, we can bring them home, wherever home may be!

Repatriation Services

Repatriating your loved one from any country in the world to and from the UK can be a daunting task but here at Adam & Greenwood, we make the complicated as simple as can be for you and organise everything with the help of our trained professional team.

We will liaise with all third parties including: Airports, Customs, Funeral Directors (in another country), Embassies and Coroner's offices in order to organise all the legal paperwork in order to for the repatriation to take place.

Once your loved one is repatriated back in the UK, we can then organise everything for the funeral to take place and lay your loved one to rest. With our full fleet of funeral vehicles and extensive coffin brochure, we can tailor a personalised funeral to your needs.

Transporting Cremated Remains Abroad

Whether you wish to take your loved one's ashes back home abroad or have them scattered whilst on holiday, making sure you have taken all the necessary preparations beforehand is key. Please find below a helpful guide in helping you with this.

1. **Paperwork** – you will need to take the death certificate and cremation certificate whilst travelling with the ashes. As Funeral Directors, we can also produce a 'Sealing Document' to state that the urn contains the person who has died and no-one else. Some Airlines require this.

Whilst registering the death of a loved one, it may be wise to get a few more copies of the death certificate if you know in advance that you will be taking them abroad.

2. **Wooden Ashes Casket** – the airlines will require that the ashes of your loved one should be in a non-metal, non-ceramic container, as the casket will need to be held as hand luggage and go through their x-ray machines. We can supply all our families with an oak wooden casket which meets regulations, so that you can repatriate your loved one.
3. **Contact Your Airline** – we always advise that you contact your airline directly, as regulations do vary depending on airline and destination. Once you have the information, we can help you every step of the way.
4. **Check Destination Law** – every country will have their own laws when it comes to scattering ashes so please check local laws, as scattering illegally could come with hefty penalties.

Exhumation Services

Adam & Greenwood Funeral Home are proud to offer this specialist service and are able to offer advice and our expertise to families that are looking to exhume a loved one from a cemetery.

Exhumation is the removal of human remains whether complete or as cremated remains, from a place where they were once buried. There are many reasons why someone would choose an exhumation from including: moving the deceased to a nearer cemetery, repatriating someone to their origin of birth abroad or deciding to have someone cremated. The Coroner's Office can also request for someone to be exhumed for further investigation.

In all cases of exhumation, the Ministry of Justice have to be notified and a license requested from them, before it can take place. Once the exhumation has been arranged, we will then organise everything and liaise with all third parties to then move your loved one into our care before their final journey is complete.

Please feel free to contact us directly to discuss your specific requirements with our trained professional staff and let Adam & Greenwood organise everything on your behalf.