



## Industry Award for Local Cemetery

Bluebell Cemetery & Crematorium in Halstead has scooped top prize at the National Cemetery of the Year Awards.

The Memorial Awareness Board (MAB) has been promoting and organising the Cemetery of the Year Awards for nearly 20 years. Bluebell Cemetery & Crematorium won the 2024/25 Gold prize in the Small Cemetery category of the National Competition and received the award at the 'Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management Learning Convention and Exhibition' earlier this month.

Philip Potts of the Memorial Awareness Board said;

*'The awards are an excellent opportunity to reward hard-working staff and demonstrate the central role cemeteries and church yards can play in the community. They provide places of peaceful contemplation and beauty, as well as their historical, social and ecological importance.'*

*'The team at Bluebell Cemetery & Crematorium performed exceptionally throughout the extensive judging period which is focused on Industry Standards, Good Practice and Freedom of Choice.'*

Neil Lincoln, Cemetery Manager said: *"This award is such a wonderful pat on the back for our team, it acknowledges that we really go above and beyond to try and provide a reliable, friendly and quality service. My team and I are thrilled"*

The Cemetery of the Year Award has been supported and endorsed by leading industry Associations –

- ✓ Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM)
- ✓ The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA)
- ✓ The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
- ✓ British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM)

