



# Northwood Cemetery flying the **green flag**

Northwood Cemetery has achieved the accolade of gaining a coveted **Green Flag Award**.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

The site has been awarded **Keep Britain Tidy's** international mark of quality and is among a record-breaking 1,883 UK parks and green spaces that today receive a prestigious **Green Flag Award** – the mark of a quality park or green space.

Northwood Cemetery, created in 1856, is managed by the **Isle of Wight Council** with help from the volunteers of the **Friends of Northwood Cemetery**, a Registered Charity formed in 2008.

Chairman of the Friends of the Northwood Cemetery, **Peter Almond**, said: *“We are absolutely delighted to receive a **Green Flag Award** for first time. We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Northwood Cemetery to such a high standard”.*

*“The **Green Flag Award** is testament to the hard work and passion from the small Friends’ group and its volunteers, with support from **Isle of Wight Council’s** public spaces team, who have worked so hard to bring this site back into use for enjoyment by the community”* said **Councillor John Hobart**, Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage. *“Such recognition evidences the effective partnerships that the Council has and the huge amount of dedication and time the **Friends of Northwood Cemetery** have put in. Congratulations to all involved and I would encourage the public to come along and see what a beautiful space the Cemetery now is”.*

International **Green Flag Award** scheme manager **Paul Todd** said: *“We are delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year for the **Green Flag Award** scheme, with more **Green Flags** awarded this year than last year. Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the **Green Flag Award**. We are proud to have so many wonderful green spaces in the UK for people to enjoy and hope that next year we award even more flags”.*

This latest prestigious award follows hot on the heels of the **Friends of Northwood Cemetery** winning the prestigious **Isle of Wight Society Conservation Award** for 2018 for the promotion of buildings and the environment on the Island. The **Isle of Wight Society** works with the **Royal Institute of British Architects** (RIBA) and its aim is to encourage a high standard of planning, architecture and conservation of buildings and their setting on the Isle of Wight.