

RECENT WORKSHOP

On 19 June, Weymouth College hosted an intensive course on the Stone Safe stability system at its workshops in Poundbury.

Stone Safe Stability Systems Ltd has designed and developed a memorial base which, when attached to a headstone, can resist an overturning force of 250kg+ (meeting the required standard of 150kg).

The one day event, led by Anton Matthews, the designer, and Terry Elliot, the assessor for the system, included a presentation and demonstration from Anton Matthews and information from Professor Stuart Moy of Southampton University on the engineering of the system.

Course attendee, Alex Waddell, felt the event was a success. He said: "I work on buildings and have had no training or experience prior to the day of fixing any memorial work though I have fixed a fair amount onto buildings. I helped Anton with the demonstration. It was a particularly hot day and we were outside. I think most of the attendees were very pleased at how easy the whole thing was so that they could get in out of the sun. It took only 30 minutes which I'm sure could be got down a bit more once you'd done it a couple of times. It was very easy to understand even with a lack of experience with other methods. The levels of testing he had gone to assured me that there wouldn't be any repercussions if I was to follow his method correctly.

"It was clear to see that, if second inscriptions were to be added, taking up the stone would be a quick and easy task. Any memorial work that comes my way, I will want to use this method."

For more information go to www.stonesafe.co.uk.

SHAW'S FUNERAL PRODUCTS

Shaw's Funeral Products offers an opportunity to create an outdoor memorial to a loved one. Bereaved individuals can grow their own garden tribute using Shaw's wildflower memorial tokens. These feature detachable shapes impregnated with wildflower seeds, which when planted will grow and blossom into wildflowers. The shapes – now cut from a paper handcrafted in the UK – contain flower petals and British wildflower seeds. Every token includes a thoughtful message to the face and full planting instructions to the reverse.

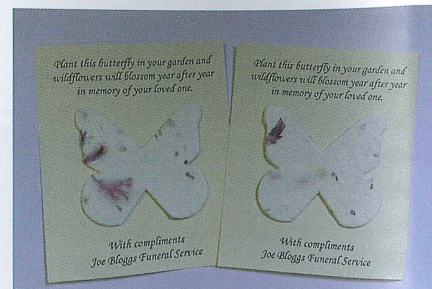
Shaw's popular wildflower memorial stationery is generally sold to funeral directors for distribution to bereaved clients as a stationery gift. The card to

which the adornment is attached can be customised, perfect for marketing services offered in a subtle yet effective manner.

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TRIBUTES

When moving house, families may face the upsetting prospect of no longer being able to visit their loved ones' ashes.

The HighDown Urn was developed in response. Its unique marker post system makes it easy to relocate if required.

The HighDown's curved shape and granite-effect finish is equally suited to indoor or outdoor use. Moulded from weather resistant polypropylene it can be sited above ground, at home or in a garden of remembrance, in a niche, or buried.

For easy landscape maintenance the post divides into two height-adjustable sections with a location indicator at ground level. Plaques, in dark slate or light marble, can be engraved in-house by Tributes and attach directly to the urn or, for burial, to

the marker post.

The HighDown can be fitted with Tributes' Memory Capsule, for storage of small mementos and a photograph, in the base of the urn.

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FOTOPLEX GRIGIO

Fotoplex Grigio has supplied photo plaques for 25 years. The manufacturing methods have changed enormously over the decades. The company once hand-tinted each product but now uses modern methods to provide a high quality finish that can include a wide range of colours, including a pillar-box red.

Plaques are available in oval or rectangular shapes and a variety of sizes ranging from 2cm pendants to 24 by 30cm plaques. Larger alternatives, up to 50 by 70cm, are created off site in a specially sized kiln.

Fotoplex Grigio also supplies ceramic flowers for graveside use which are

guaranteed against frost damage for three years.

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