



North West **Construction Hub**

BLACON CREMATORIUM, WORKING IN A SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT



Project Value
£3.9m

Contractor
Kier

Client
Cheshire West and Chester Council

Architect
KKA

Start
March 2012

Completion
April 2013



New Chester Crematorium external works and landscaping

- A new landmark crematorium incorporating the demolition of the existing crematorium building, forming of new burial area and extensive landscaping, all within a live and sensitive environment

Logistics Management & Client Care

- Live Sensitive Environment – On an operational and sensitive project Kier worked daily with the crematorium staff to ensure the uninterrupted use of the existing and new crematorium facilities. The complexity of the construction activities was further heightened by the shared one way system for both the crematorium operation and construction site traffic
- Client Care – A key element of this project was the cremator plant which accounted for 25% of the project cost and was a pre-selected supplier / installer. Kier ensured that there was continuous close coordination and liaison with the specialist subcontractor and the Client project manager, and led the management and integration of this specialist equipment in to full and final operation.

Added Value

- Kier worked collaboratively with their own design team and the project stakeholders to re-design the roof structure which provided an iconic feel to the building and an efficient time and cost solution

School and Local Community Engagement

- Engaged with the local Arches Primary School raising funds to facilitate their school London trip. Also donated funds to Blacon Youth Football Team for the purchase of sports equipment and kits
- Kier provided two shelter units to the crematorium to display tributes

“From the initial design meeting of the crematorium up until handover, Kier have grasped the responsibility for delivering a landmark project with the constraints of a sensitive setting and to the defined budget. The outcome has surpassed the aspirations of all stakeholders and the enlifying quality of the building positively contributes to give comfort in a sombre event for visitors.”

David Caldwell, Project Manager
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