

Terms of Business

Terms of Business for Sussex Family Funeral Directors, a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number 08950861, having its registered address at Fraser House, 20 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath RH16 4EA.

1. ESTIMATES AND EXPENSES

The estimate is an indication of the charges likely to be incurred on the basis of the information and details we know at the date of estimate. While we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the estimate, the charges are liable to alteration particularly where third parties change their rates or charges.

We may not know the amount of third party charges in advance of the funeral, however we will give you a best estimate of such charges on the written estimate. The actual amount of the charges will be detailed and shown in the final account.

If you amend your instructions, we will require your written confirmation of the changes. We may need to make an extra charge in accordance with prices published in our current price list. We will add VAT to our charges where applicable, and at the rate applicable when we prepare the invoice.

2. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

We require a refundable deposit to be paid which is the total amount of third party costs to date following the arrangements. We kindly request that this payment is made 3 working days prior to the funeral to allow arrangements to proceed.

The final balance is due for payment within 30 days of our account, unless otherwise agreed by us in writing.

The final account is sent to you within one week after the funeral.

The Simple Funeral, Direct Cremation and Direct Burial options must be paid in full 3 working days before the funeral.

If you fail to pay us in full on the due date we may charge you interest;
 - at a rate of 5% above our Bank's base rate from time to time in force;
 - calculated (on a daily basis) from the date of our account until payment;
 - compounded on the first day of each month; and
 - before and after any judgement (unless a court orders otherwise).

We may recover (under clause 3) the cost of taking legal action to make you pay.

3. INDEMNITY

You are to indemnify us in full and hold us harmless from all expenses and liabilities we may incur (directly or indirectly including financing costs and including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) following any breach by you of any of your obligations under these Terms.

This means that you are liable to us for losses we incur because you do not comply with these terms, for example we will charge you an administration fee where we receive a cheque from you which is subsequently not honoured or if we write to remind you that an account is overdue. If we instruct debt collection agents we may also recover the fees we incur from you. Further details regarding these fees are available on request. We may claim those losses from you at any time and if we have to take legal action we will ask the court to make you pay our legal costs.

4. DATA PROTECTION

Words shown in italics are defined in the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 ('the Regulations').

We respect the confidential nature of the information given to us, and where you provide us with personal data ('data') we will ensure that the data will be held securely, in confidence and processed for the purpose of carrying out our services unless you give us your express permission for use in our marketing. In order to provide our services we may need to pass such data to third parties and those third parties, who are performing some of the services for you, may contact you directly. We will not pass your details to third parties for marketing purposes whatsoever.

Under the Regulations you have the right to know what data we hold on you and you can, by applying to us to in writing and paying a fee, receive copies of that data. When you sign the acceptance you are giving us permission to keep your details on record.

Our Privacy Policy can be found at each of our offices.

5. COOLING-OFF PERIOD

The Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013 may give you the right to terminate this agreement in the cooling-off period of 14 days. If you wish the performance of the agreement to which this right applies to commence before the end of the cooling-off period, you must sign the authority in the form which will be handed to you. In the event that you exercise the right to cancel this contract during the cooling-off period, you will be required to pay a reasonable amount for goods and services already supplied.

6. TERMINATION

This agreement may also be terminated before the services are delivered: (1) by us if you fail to honour your obligations under these Terms and (2) by you communicating to us in writing, terminating your instructions.

If we or you terminate your instructions you may, depending upon the reasons for terminations, be asked to pay a reasonable amount based upon the work carried out up to the time your termination is received.

7. CONDUCT

We are a member of The National Society of Allied & Independent Funeral Directors 'SAIF', a private limited company by guarantee with registered number 02436831, having its registered address at SAIF Business Centre, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire CM21 9DB, and subscribe to its current Code of Practice, a copy of which is available upon request. We aim to act in a professional manner and provide a courteous, sensitive, and dignified service to you.

If however, you have any questions or concerns about the service we provide to you, then please raise them in the first instance with Paul Bowley GDPR officer; by phone: 01273 841711. If that does not resolve the problem to your satisfaction, SAIF provides a dispute resolution service. They can be contacted by completing their complaints form which is available by either visiting the SAIF website, by email to standards@saif.org.uk or by phone: 0345 230 6777.

All dates and times provided on the estimate cannot be guaranteed until final bookings are made and confirmed. Although we endeavour to provide a prompt and efficient service for you, there may be instances where, because of circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to fulfil our obligations to you on the date or time specified. Where this is the case we will attempt to contact you in advance, and advise you of alternative arrangements.

8. AGREEMENT

Your continuing instructions will amount to your continuing acceptance of these Terms of Business.

Your instructions will not create any right enforceable by virtue of the *Contracts Rights of Third Parties Act 1999* OR *The Contract (Third Party Rights) Act 2017* by any person not identified as our client.

If any of these terms are unenforceable as drafted:

- it will not affect the enforceability of any other of these Terms; and
 - if it would be enforceable if amended, it will be treated as so amended.
- Nothing in these terms restricts or limits our liability for death or personal injury.

This agreement is subject to English, Welsh OR Scots OR Northern Irish Law. If you decide to commence legal action, you may do so, in any appropriate *English, Wales OR Scottish or Northern Irish Court*.

Crematorium Fees

WOODVALE CREMATORIUM AND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE FEES

Adult cremation age 18 and over	£755
Foetal remains, a still-birth or a child at time of death aged 17 years or below Our standard fee will be claimed from The Children's Funeral Fund for England by this Authority where applicable	No charge
Saturday Crematorium Fees will be subject to an additional fee of	£285
Sunday and Bank Holiday** Crematorium Fees will be subject to an additional fee of	£570
Early Service 10am or before	£540
Cremation only Unattended (Specific days as advised) 8.30am - no service	£455
Cremation of Body Parts (no use of chapel)	£120
Additional 30 minute period or use of chapel only (Weekday)	£250
Additional 30 minute period or use of chapel only (Saturday)	£270
Additional 30 minute period or use of chapel only (Sunday or Bank Holiday)	£540

Use of Chapel includes 30 minutes in chapel. If additional time is required an 'Additional 30 minute period' or multiples thereof will need to be ordered

All subject to staff availability ** except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

VISUAL TRIBUTES & WEBCAST VIA OBITUS

Single photo - A single photo (shown throughout)	£15
Simple Slide Show - Up to 25 photos (played on a loop throughout, or once at a time of your choosing)	£60
Professional Photo Tribute - A professional photo tribute of up to 25 photos, set to music of your choice (played once at a time of your choosing)	£75
Family supplied video checking - Checking and preparation of a video supplied by the family or a third party (played one time at a time of your choosing)	£33
Physical copy of the tribute DVD, Blu-ray or USB (per copy)	£66
Downloadable copy of the tribute	£12
Extra work - For each extra 25 photos, video editing, an extra half hour of custom work or any major departure from the norm	£27
Webcast - Live only	£63
Webcast - Live with 28 day watch again option	£78
Webcast Keepsake (DVD, Blu-ray or USB)	£66
Additional copies of webcast keepsake (each)	£33

DISPOSAL OF ASHES IN OUR GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Temporary storage of ashes per month after 3 months	£50
Witnessed strewing Monday to Friday (by appointment only) - for a person cremated at Woodvale - for a person cremated at another crematorium	No charge £99
Saturday morning scatterings in GOR - additional fee	£125
Certified Extract or Duplicate cremation certificate - first certificate	£25
Split of cremated remains - per casket (certificate not included)	£20

Charges include Value Added Tax where applicable. These fees will be subject to 6 monthly review.

Disclosure of Interests

Sussex Family Funeral Directors will occasionally make or receive financial donations in respect of charitable gifts, gratuities or contributions to or from Organisations, companies and individuals. These financial transactions will be publicly disclosed and detailed when these occur.

The ultimate owners of Sussex Family Funeral Directors are Patrick Gallagher, Sandra Gallagher, Paul Bowley and Susan Vickery.

Sussex Family Funeral Directors does not have any business or material financial interest in price comparison websites that compare funeral director services and/or crematoria and their respective prices.