For further details please telephone for an appointment.

# 01933 312142 Please ask for Michael.

The photographs within this brochure provide an example of what can be arranged.

We will advise you of all the local cemetery and churchyard regulations to ensure that your proposed memorial meets the necessary regulations.



Memorial Wall ~ Rushden Cemetery



Black Granite



Light Grey Granite

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## Headstones & Memorials

Some simple advice from people who care



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#### **MEMORIALS**

At A. Abbott & Sons we feel that it is very important to give you all the time you need in choosing a head-stone or memorial.



Fully polished Granite headstone with graphic

A detailed estimate and a scale drawing of your chosen stone will be produced and sent to your home. This way all of you family can help you decide on the type of materials to be used and indeed the special lettering.

You will be shown samples of the many different types of materials and an explanation of their properties will be given. Our computer will show you pictures of many fixed headstones / memorials at our local cemeteries and churchyards.

We will liaise with the local cemetery authorities or churchyard wardens to ensure that your chosen stone meets their exacting requirements. We will produce the formal application forms and see that they are directed to the appropriate person within the local councils or churches.

We will offer advice and support throughout to help you achieve your desired memorial.

#### When should the memorial be fixed?

Following a burial the grave will initially be left with soil proud. This is because the ground will need to settle and compact down again. The time this takes varies on several factors. The soil type will have the biggest effect and then time of year. If the burial takes place during a particularly dry time of year the grave will take a lot longer to settle. To ensure the best possible fix, our stone masons use the latest fixing techniques, but we would always recommend waiting a good six months from the date of burial before fixing the memorial.

If the burial was of cremated remains then you would normally only need to wait a month or so, because the grave would not have been especially deep.

#### When can I order the memorial?

Because we wish to give you as much time as you would like in choosing the memorial we would recommend that you start to discuss your requirements with us a month or so after the burial. Because of the lengthy lead times to producing the stone, somewhere between two and three months, you can agree the details with us so that the memorial can be fixed just as soon as the grave has settled.

With memorials for cremated remains graves, they can be ordered without any delay, because the grave would normally be settled by the time the stone was ready to be fixed.



White Marble small book headstone

#### What types of stones are available?

There are so many types of memorials available and it can sometimes be quite confusing. First it is important to consider where the memorial is to be placed and indeed the type of grave you have. It would not be possible, for example, to fix a full size headstone to a small cremated remains grave. We will therefore help you with this.

Because you will normally have a choice of materials to use for your memorial it's price will vary. Granite is more expensive than Marble, for example. But it would be true to say that the most expensive memorial is not always the right thing to choose. We therefore will offer you a great variety of memorials from simple small slate grave markers, through to stone vases, headstones and special kerb sets.



**Granite Cremated Remains Grave Headstone** 



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