Introduced by your local independent funeral director

Golden Charter funeral plans **at a glance**

We have three plans to choose from, so whether you'd like a traditional cremation or burial service, or a fuss-free unattended cremation, you can pick the one that best suits your needs.

For more information on plan and payment options available, please call Golden Charter on 0800 090 2495

When you call, please tell us the name of your funeral director to make sure your plan and funeral arrangements are assigned to them.

Plan comparison

	Unattended cremation	Traditional funeral service	
Funeral director services included in the plan:	**Direct Cremation Plan £1,950**	**Simple Way £3,800**	**Traditional Way £4,150**
Provision of professional services and making all arrangements for the funeral	✓	✓	✓
Advice on the certification and registration of the death and related documentation	✓	✓	✓
The coffin*	Suitable for cremation, selected by the funeral director	Simple	High quality
Collection and transportation of the deceased to the funeral director's premises (within a 25 mile radius)	Within working hours	Within working hours	24 hours
Care of the deceased prior to burial or cremation (excluding embalming)	✓	✓	✓
Use of chapel of rest or service rooms	✗	✓	✓
Family viewing at any pre-arranged time**	✗	✓	✓
Arrangement of the funeral service at a local cemetery or crematorium	✗	✓	✓
Funeral held on a normal weekday, during working hours	✗	✓	✓
Choice of date and time of funeral	✗	✓	✓
Funeral procession to funeral location (fees and costs of a service at a separate location not included)	✗	✓	✓
Hearse to a local crematorium or cemetery	✗	✓	✓
Provision of sufficient staff to attend to the coffin as required	✗	✓	✓
Limousines	✗	✗	One
Additional benefits:			
Third party costs (see overleaf for details)	Guaranteed to be covered	£1,100 allowance	£1,100 allowance
24 hour funeral director telephone support for the bereaved	✓	✓	✓
Transportation to the funeral director's premises if death occurs whilst on holiday in mainland UK	✓	✓	✓

*Coffins supplied will be wood-effect quality or better (excludes Direct Cremation Plan).
**Costs may apply if out-of-hours viewing is required.

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The retail price of your funeral plan shown overleaf is representative of the equivalent cost of a funeral today plus an arrangement fee of £350 which is retained by Golden Charter to help cover the costs of setting up your plan.

Prices are applicable from April 2026 and subject to change without prior notice.

Other funeral costs you need to think about

Third party costs

These are the costs for other essential services that are required to carry out a cremation or burial - for example cremation or burial fees, which aren't provided by your funeral director.

Third party costs are outside of your funeral director's control but will need to be paid by them to the suppliers or professionals at the time of the funeral.

Our plans include a built-in allowance towards third party costs, with the exception of our Direct Cremation Plan, which guarantees that the cremation fee will be fully covered. The table below shows the built-in allowance for each plan.

Third party costs allowance	Direct Cremation Plan	Simple Way	Traditional Way
Cremation fees	Guaranteed to be covered	£1,100 allowance	£1,100 allowance
Burial or interment fee	Not applicable		
Minister or Officiant's fee to conduct the service			
Doctor's fees (if applicable)	✕	✕	✕
Purchase of burial plot	✕	✕	✕

The value of the allowance may grow over time. There will only be more to pay at the time of the funeral if the third party costs exceed the contribution when you buy your plan, or if the costs increase by more than the growth of your plan.

Please note: If you choose burial, the plans include an allowance towards the opening of a new or existing grave but do not include the purchase of a burial plot. The purchase of a grave and any monumental work would need to be arranged separately.

Costs for additional services

With the exception of our Direct Cremation plan, you can choose to add extra services such as flowers, newspaper notices, a reception, catering and orders of service. These costs are not covered by your plan, you can choose to add these as an additional cost, or your funeral director can help to organise these at the time.

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