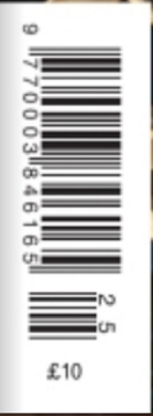




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Bushey Cemetery

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JUDGES' CITATION In keeping with the Jewish idea of being buried very simply, in a cardboard coffin and wearing simple clothes, these buildings carry through the idea of returning the body to the ground, 'earth to earth, ashes to ashes'. In contrast with the plainness of the buildings, the landscape is almost lush.

The limited number of buildings, the simplicity of the forms and the expressionist choice of materials all reflect

RIBA REGION: East
LOCATION: Bushey, Hertfordshire
DATE OF COMPLETION: April 2017
CLIENT: The United Synagogue
CONTRACT VALUE: Confidential
INTERNAL AREA: 644m²
CONTRACTOR: Buxton Building Contractors
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Elliott Wood Partnership
M&E: P3r Engineers

the symbolism of burial to the Jewish community. An example of the care with which each element has been considered is the gentle slope of the floor in the prayer hall which tips the visitors forward along the route to the graves.

The rammed earth walls of the prayer hall will return to the earth once the cemetery is full and has to be extended again – a poetic response to the programme for the cemetery.