# PEASGOOD & SKEATES ~ A BRIEF HISTORY

Peasgood & Skeates was formed following a merger of three well respected independent family funeral directors, H Peasgood & Son of Saffron Walden, R Skeates of Duxford and Cambridge Funeral Services.

### SAFFRON WALDEN

H Peasgood & Son was established by James Day in 1847 as a small wheelwright and general carpentry business and the natural progression was to attend to the funeral arrangements of family and close friends. The business grew from humble beginnings to the highly professional and well respected Company it is today. David Peasgood is the current member of the Peasgood family to work within the business, and is based at our Saffron Walden funeral home. The High Street office was opened in 2009 to give families the convenience of making arrangements and enquiries in the town centre.



#### DUXFORD

**R Skeates, a family run business based in Duxford, was founded in 1965** by Ron and Rosemary Skeates. They were soon joined by their son David, who took over the running of the business in 1992. David has recently retired but he continues to support local families and is on hand for those who would like him to arrange or conduct their funeral. Claire Skeates followed her father and grandfather into the profession and currently works as a Funeral Arranger in the funeral home that her grandparents built.

#### CAMBRIDGE

When Peasgood & Skeates looked to expand their services it was quickly apparent that Cambridge Funeral Services shared the same values, offering customer choice and providing high quality funerals at a reasonable cost. Cambridge Funeral Services, which was established in 1991, by the Reed family (who also own the neighbouring local stonemasonry business of lvett & Reed), was purchased by Peasgood & Skeates in 2014.

## HAVERHILL

The opening of a new funeral home in Haverhill in 2016 has been a natural progression, enabling our team to offer our services to the wider community.





