

# 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. Following the merger of our family businesses, David continued to work with us for many years as a Funeral Consultant. David's daughter, Claire, followed her father and grandfather into the profession and currently works as a Funeral Director in the funeral home that her grandparents built.

## Newmarket Road, 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 Ivett & Reed), was purchased by Peasgood & Skeates in 2014.



## Haverhill

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



## Histon Road, Cambridge & Sawston

We were pleased to acquire two new offices in 2021, both of which were formerly East of England Co-Op Funeral Service branches. The offices are open and ready to support families at the very heart of the communities that we serve. **Histon Road, Cambridge** is well positioned to serve families in the areas of Arbury, Kings Hedges, Chesterton and the West of the city and our Sawston office is able to provide support to the communities of Sawston, Hauxton, Trumpington and the surrounding villages.