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FUNERAL OF DIANA TOP OF TV LIST; PRINCESS DIANA FUNERAL TOPS TELEVISION RATINGS

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LIVE coverage of Princess Diana's funeral was seen by more viewers than any other television programme last year.

Figures compiled by the Royal Television Society reveal that 19.29million viewers tuned into BBC1 for one of the saddest events ever seen on TV.

They also show that home-grown dramas rule the roost - with not a single American or Australian import appearing in the top 50.

The full list, with the audience figure in millions, reads:

- 1 Funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales - 19.29, Sep 6
2. Heartbeat - 18.35, Nov 16
3. Touch of Frost - 18.22, Feb 16
4. EastEnders - 18.06, Jun 2
5. Coronation Street - 18.03, Nov 17
6. Coronation Street - 17.72, Nov 12
7. EastEnders - 17.65, Jan 7
8. Coronation Street - 17.5, Nov 7
9. Coronation Street - 17.45, Nov 9
10. EastEnders - 16.89, Feb 3
11. Casualty - 16.42, Feb 22

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12. Men Behaving Badly - 16.34, Dec 25
13. One Foot in the Grave - 15.76, Dec 25
14. **BBC News and weather -15.46**, Dec 25
15. Before They Were Famous - 15.34, Mar 31
16. It'll Be Alright on the Night Eight - 14.89, Jan 4
17. Procession to Westminster (Diana) - 14.78, Sep 6
18. Emmerdale - 14.23, Feb 20
19. The Bill - 14.15, Jan 17
20. London's Burning - 14.10, Feb 2
21. EastEnders - 14.09 Nov 12
22. Coronation Street - 14.06 Dec 25
23. Police, Camera, Action! -13.66, Jan 7
23. Emmerdale - 13.66, Feb 19
25. National Lottery Live - 13.61, Mar 15
26. The Bill - 13.53, Jan 2
26. Midsomer Murders - 13.53, Mar 23
28. Ballykissangel - 13.47, Jan 5
28. Emmerdale - 13.47, Feb 25
30. Ronnie Barker, A Life In Comedy - 13.22, Jan 1
31. ITN News (Princess Diana) - 13.19, Sep 7
32. Peak Practice - 13.11, Feb 18
33. EastEnders - 12.98, Nov 14
34. National Television Awards - 12.96, Oct 8
35. Where the Heart Is - 12.65, Apr 20
36. Jane Eyre - 12.52 Mar 9
37. Driving School - 12.45, Jul 15
38. Vicar of Dibley - 12.45, Dec 26
39. Birds of a Feather - 12.36, Dec 27
40. This is Your Life (Ross Kemp) - 12.34, Feb 3
41. Touching Evil - 12.33, Apr 29

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- 42. Wingless Bird - 12.32, Jan 26
- 43. They Think It's All Over - 12.31, Dec 25
- 44. Student Prince - 12.36, Nov 29
- 45. Wheel of Fortune - 12.17, Jan 3
- 46. Inspector Morse - 12.06, Nov 19
- 47. Grand National - 12.02, Apr 7
- 48. Reckless - 11.95, Mar 13
- 49. Vanishing Man - 11.93, Apr 2
- 50. Antiques Roadshow - 11.90, Jan 19

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