



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

### **CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE**

The grounds continue to look good as we enter spring.

The large Atlantic Cedar in the car park has been delivered and will be planted during March.

Some tree works are to be carried shortly consisting of the removal of a conifer near the Brian Kidd summer house. This conifer was poorly positioned when planted, resulting in growth blocking the footpath and the root system lifting the block paving. It is not a particularly attractive tree and because it is in a grass area nobody seems to leave flowers by it. Unless requests are received I do not intend planting a replacement tree near this location.

The spring bedding plants are looking good as are the crocuses and daffodils in the grass areas.

Weekly grass cutting has commenced this month and will continue throughout the summer.

The grounds contractor continues to perform very well and I am pleased with the quality of their work.

Grounds contract procurement process - An update will be given at the meeting following the decision taken at the meeting in December 2016.

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*Background List of Documents –*  
*Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 - None*

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