



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

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

The Grounds are looking very good at the moment; the roses are blooming, the bulb border looks fantastic and we have just replanted the bedding areas. The lawns look very good and we are in the process of cutting down the bulb areas now they have died back.

The new Atlantic cedar is growing away very well with no signs of stress due to the fluctuating weather.

Unfortunately we experienced some further vandalism - the stones were removed from the waterfall and thrown into the pond. We have now bedded the stones into the base of the waterfall using aquatic spray foam, which should prevent a recurrence.

At the same time we took the opportunity to purchase some additional aquatic plants that have been installed in four baskets around the pond. They will grow on this year and will improve the pond habitat.

There was an attempted break in to the garage that Brighstone use, but this was unsuccessful due to the extra locks installed last year.

Both of the incidents have been reported to the Police.

Shortlisting for the new grounds maintenance contract will begin on the 5<sup>th</sup> June and I will provide further details at the meeting.

The current contractor Brighstone continues to perform very well and I am pleased with their work.

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

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