

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Monday 16 March 2015**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

It has been a quiet time in the grounds, apart from a brief spell of snow, the maintenance has been confined to mostly day to day tasks with the exceptions being the bark mulching of shrub beds.

I also took the opportunity to mulch the waiting room shrub bed with granite chippings. It looks good and will conserve moisture and prevent weed growth.

I have ordered shrubs to replace various plants lost during the year. Some replacements were at the request of relatives but the majority are to fill gaps where trees have been removed or to replace old shrubs that are past their best.

The garden of contemplation will have Wisteria planted as an enhancement to the existing planting. Wires have been installed to train them along and it should look stunning in a few years.

The bulbs in the grounds are now flowering - crocus and snowdrops in February, with the daffodils and tulips following in March and April.

Grass cutting will resume in March.

Our contractor – Brighstones continue to perform 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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