

REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Monday 14 September 2015

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

The unpredictable weather has once again been a major factor in the maintenance of the crematorium grounds, with prolonged dry spells punctuated by storms. The grounds however have stood up well to this battering and it is a testament to the quality and adaptability of the contractor that this is the case.

I am in the process of ordering 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. I will also be ordering some standard roses to replace losses.

The summer bedding displays in the grounds look stunning at the moment - I am particularly impressed with the car park bed.

The order for spring bedding plants has been placed and these will arrive in October. I have also ordered a quantity of snowdrops to be planted in various shrub beds to provide some early spring colour.

We undertook work to the pond infrastructure recently, replacing the ultra violet bulbs and unit that houses them. I am also purchasing a pond vacuum unit so that we can remove silt from the pond bottom without having to empty it and stress the fish. New rocks and pebbles have been installed to improve the aeration from the waterfall, so I am hoping this will improve the quality and appearance of the water.

The 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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