

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Monday 14 December 2015**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

The grounds are looking Autumnal at the moment with large amounts of leaf fall. These leaves are cleared from paths and grass areas on a regular basis and then composted on site, for re-use as a soil improver.

The rose beds, which looked spectacular this year, have been trimmed down to prevent wind rock and are being mulched with manure following last year's successful trial using manure instead of mushroom compost.

Following works carried out during the summer the water quality in the pond has shown a marked improvement.

The summer bedding plants have been replaced with spring bedding plants.

We are in the process of replanting the bulb border at the front of the Crematorium gardens - this will ensure that it continues to be an attractive feature in future years.

I am hoping to complete the shrub planting before Christmas so that the grounds look their best at one of the busier times of year.

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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