

REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURE CONSULTANT

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This Summer has been exceptionally wet resulting in weeds growing very fast and shrubs often requiring pruning twice as much as normal. Our contractors have met the challenge very well and managed to keep our customers happy responding to calls for extra pruning so that access to lay floral tributes has remained possible.

IMPROVEMENTS

The new beds by the Cloisters have now been planted using a mix of herbaceous plants and shrubs to give interest throughout the year.

ROSE BEDS

Despite the wind and rain the roses have again fared very well throughout the gardens.

SUMMER BEDDING DISPLAYS

These areas always bring plenty of colour to the gardens and I am sure lift the spirits of those who visit the Crematorium.

TREES

Enquiries were received from 2 people whose houses adjoin the gardens as they were concerned about light loss and the safety of the trees. I visited them on 24 August 2007 with our Arboricultural Officer, Stuart Campbell, who assured them that the trees were in good health and you would expect the trees to move in the wind. Some minor work to a tree overhanging the garden of the house that did belong to the Crematorium was agreed and will be carried out shortly.

All areas of the gardens continue to be maintained to a very high standard.

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