

REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURE CONSULTANT

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GROUND'S GENERAL

Due to the favourable weather conditions during October the trees throughout the garden provided a fantastic display of Autumn colour. Roses also remained flowering into early November.

SHRUB PLANTING

In November 226 shrubs were planted in the grounds and car park areas, these were to replace dead or dying plants. We have also removed some large old shrubs in the old overflow car park and replaced them with lower ground cover varieties which are better suited to the area and easier to maintain.

BULBS

The following bulbs have been planted within the gardens:

- 500 x Sternbergia Lutea
- 100 x Amaryllis Belladonna
- 1000 x Crocus Vanguard
- 1000 x Narcissus Golden Bells

SPRING BEDDING

The Spring bedding was all planted in October along with Tulip bulbs ready for the colourful Spring display.

TREE WORK

More work has been carried out removing low branches and those damaged by the winds. For safety reasons a large Lombardy Poplar by the railway has been reduced by half as the trunk is rotten.

Pruning of shrubs continues and the shreds are being used to mulch shrub borders.

Our contractor, Brighstone Landscaping Ltd, continue to maintain the grounds to a high standard.

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