

AGENDA ITEM 10

REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

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COLOURFUL DISPLAY

The Spring bedding and bulbs around the grounds are in flower. The Anemones in the bulb borders have been in flower for the last month and the bank of Erica carnea is in full flower at the North Entrance.

IMPROVEMENTS

The beds around the car park have been redesigned and planted with Ericas and Camellias. During October dwarf Daffodils will be planted in groups to add colour and interest to the beds.

TREE WORK

During the strong winds in December and January, some damage was caused to the pine trees in the north west corner of the site. These have now been removed as the tops were completely snapped out. Some new pines will be planted soon. Other trees in the shrub borders have had low branches removed and in the future some thinning of the trees will be necessary.

SHRUB BEDS

Shrubs in all the borders are pruned at least once a year, some more often if they are fast growing and are restricting access for laying of flowers.

All prunings are shredded and applied as a mulch on shrub beds. The compost that is produced from leaves, dead flowers and grass mowings has been spread around the borders.

The last 2 months have been a very busy time and I am pleased to say our contractor, Brighstone Landscaping, continues to carry out maintenance to a high standard.

Unfortunately we have had the lead stolen from both the roofs of the Summer houses.

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