

Report To Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee
Report By Acting Horticultural Consultant (Dave Stribling)
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Summer Bedding

The summer bedding will shortly be removed and replaced with winter bedding; we will planting 2200 bedding plants as well as 1550 tulip bulbs within the bedding areas.

Planting will commence 15th October

Improvements

Several hundred specimen bulbs have been ordered to continue the refurbishment of the bulb borders, as well as some planting within the grass to provide early spring colour.

I will be looking into improvements to the rock garden surrounding the pond, as well as replacements for shrubs etc where they have died or require replacement.

Within the grass areas I would like to raise some of the tree canopies where they have spread excessively and caused the grass to die due to lack of light, and also overseed with shade tolerant grass seed mix - this should improve grass cover and make grass cutting more accessible

Any bare grass areas along path edges will be re-instated in the autumn.

Maintenance

I feel the general maintenance of the gardens has continued to a good standard and ongoing pruning works are proceeding well.