

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -
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The Winter Snow

The grounds have certainly suffered due to the unprecedented weather we experienced in January. I cannot remember it being as bad here since 1963.

The trees suffered the most, especially the cedars as their branches tend to snap under the weight of snow. In fact I had two Arborists working for 2 days just cutting up fallen trees and branches. Some of the smaller plants were also affected by the weight of the snow. However, after a lot of clearing up, the grounds are now looking good once again.

Pond and Rock Garden Refurbishment

Due to the bad weather the refurbishment of the Pond and Rock Garden has been slow, but is now beginning to take shape. Many people have come to the garden just to see the progress. The person who built the pond 30 years ago has also visited the site and spoken to the people who are carrying out the works.

Maintenance generally

Planting of replacement shrubs is now under way. Replacing dead or dying plants and those that are very old is a necessity as almost all the trees and shrubs at the Crematorium mean something to someone as ashes are interned close by.

The maintenance of the grounds continues to be of a very high standard, an aspect highlighted by the recent Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities visit, with Brighstone Landscaping Ltd continuing to do an excellent job.

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*Background list of documents –
Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 – None*

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