

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE –
Monday 13 September 2010**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

We have experienced a very long period without rainfall which has meant that many plants have become stressed. We have watered the bedding plants to keep them growing but the trees and shrubs have had to survive without help and this will mean some will die. As a matter of interest plants can be kept alive with tap water but they do not grow and flower well until they are rained on.

During the autumn, I have arranged to have one of the rose beds at the front of the Crematorium that required replanting divided into 2 beds with 2 different varieties of roses planted. One will be 'Remember'. This very fragrant rose has medium shapely blooms of a very light pink borne on a bushy plant. The reddish foliage matures to dark green and glossy. Formerly known as Royal Copenhagen this was selected and renamed by the Imperial War Museum in 2005.

The second rose is 'Peace' with large full petalled blooms which are scented and of a cream yellow with a reddish flush. This is a strong grower of branching habit with leathery dark green foliage.

Tree Work

One of the very large pine trees in the Woodland area was leaning and it was decided to fell the tree. Another very large pine in the same area had many dead branches and if the dead wood was removed, very little foliage would have remained so again it was decided to fell this tree also. This has made the area safer from possible falling branches.

The Grounds Maintenance contractor has continued throughout the difficult weather conditions to maintain the grounds to a very high standard.

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

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