

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

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

Brighstone Landscaping, our grounds maintenance contractor, has planted the two varieties of roses that I have previously reported were being ordered. Shrubs have also been delivered and planted around the grounds. One of these was a replacement pine tree. We have received an email from a lady who was pleased with the planting that has been carried out.

The area of contemplation water feature continues to require attention and arrangements are in hand to carry out remedial work shortly.

I am pleased with the continued attention to detail that our grounds maintenance contractor exhibits.

The cold weather appears to have reached us early this season. The grounds maintenance contractor is responsible during spells of exceptionally icy conditions to supply and apply adequate salt to hard surface areas to prevent accidents. The contractor is also responsible for having available immediate good stocks/or access to rock salt for sudden icy conditions. Discussion has taken place with Fareham BC's Streetscene Operations Manager and agreement has been reached to have in place a contingency plan that could be activated in the event of a period of sustained bad weather to ensure continued access to the crematorium and grounds, the cost of which would be on a re-charge basis.

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

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