

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE –
Monday 20 June 2011**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

Rock Garden

The Rock Garden has been planted with 1,026 alpines which have almost completely covered the bare soil. There is a small area left to plant which I am hoping to have planted by the end of June.

A pink coloured grit to a depth of 14 mm will be put between the alpines. This will help reduce water loss by acting as a mulch and weed seedlings will also find it difficult to establish.

Tree Work

A tree contractor has recently felled a Pine close to the gardeners' Mess Room. The contractor has also crown-lifted a Horse Chestnut tree close to the woodland walk. This was casting a lot of shade and the branches were so low that they were causing problems for walkers.

Summer Bedding

Bedding plants were planted during late May and are beginning to add colour to the entrance to the Crematorium grounds.

The rose - City of Portsmouth, which is located at the south entrance has been in flower since April and does look very attractive.

The bulb border has also looked very colourful with the yellow/orange Foxtail Lilies and the purple Allium, one called Christophii in particular.

I continue to be extremely pleased with our grounds maintenance contractor, Brighstone Landscaping Ltd.

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*Background List of Documents –
Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 - None*

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