

REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Monday 18 June 2012

Agenda Item: 11

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

Once again the main challenge for us has been the weather - a dry spring with low water levels followed by downpours lasting several days at a time.

The weather has created difficulties with maintenance. Brighstone (our contractor) has coped very well with the conditions and kept the work on schedule. I am very pleased with the company's performance.

The heather bed on the North entrance is establishing well with minimal losses and most plants doubling in growth.

The spring bedding provided an excellent display and was replaced at the end of May with summer bedding which will provide a colourful display until the late autumn.

The replanted rose beds on the frontage of the Crematorium are establishing well and the reinstatement of the grass around the beds has been completed.

Several worn areas of grass within the grounds were renovated in April and, dependant upon establishment, further works to these areas may be required in the autumn.

Tree Survey

The tree survey was completed during April and the good news is that the vast majority of the tree stock is in good condition.

We have 439 trees on the site - 31 trees require maintenance to improve their condition, 1 is dead and the remainder are in a good condition. None of the trees represent an immediate health and safety risk.

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

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