



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Monday 19 September 2016**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

### **CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE**

After what has been a difficult summer, with some wet weather interspersed with very dry periods, the grounds continue to look good as we approach autumn.

Sadly the thefts of bedding plants have increased and we have had approximately 40 to 50 plants stolen from various beds. This has been reported to the police and we have replanted where we have spare plants, or had to space out areas to fill the bare areas where plants have been stolen and we had no replacements. Despite this I think the display has been good all summer.

The two new seats promised in the June report have now been installed.

The grounds were entered into Britain in Bloom competition again this year; we are still awaiting the result but are hopeful of a positive report.

The autumn maintenance of the shrub beds will be commencing in October.

Unfortunately the water feature in the garden of contemplation is still not functioning which does detract greatly from this area.

The contractor Brighstone continues to perform very well and I am pleased with their work.

I have been covering Ashley's duties whilst he remains on sickness absence.

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

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8 September 2016