



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Monday 12th December 2016**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

The grounds continue to look good as we approach winter. I have issued two extra grass cuts – one to be undertaken during November and a further one in December.

The winter bedding was planted during October and I am pleased that there have been no thefts. We will continue to monitor this and report any thefts to the Police.

I am also pleased to report that there was no damage to trees during the recent storms. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the extensive tree works carried out over the last three years.

The Atlantic Cedar to replace the diseased one removed from the car park should be arriving in January 2017. It is a large specimen approximately 3 metres tall so should have instant impact.

We did very well in the South and South East Britain in Bloom competition attaining a gold award and the large cemetery of the year award 2016.

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

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

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