

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE  
Monday 9 December 2013**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

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

It has been a relatively quiet time within the grounds recently, with the majority of staff time spent on basic day-to-day tasks.

The strong winds in October felled a small conifer and broke a small limb from a cedar in the south west corner of the main car park. Brighstone dealt with these two issues very quickly and efficiently.

I have requested some dead wooding of trees on the northern boundary of the site; now the leaves are off the trees it is easier to spot where trimming is required. This work will be carried out by ISS Facility Management during December.

The litter bins and seats on the site are receiving their 'annual visit'. This consists of cleaning and repainting the bins and treating the seats with preservatives.

Following reports of a heron taking fish from the pond I have installed a plastic heron as a deterrent - apparently other herons will not feed at the pond while it is there.

Brighstone continue to work well and I am very pleased with their standard of work.

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

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