



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 25th MARCH 2019**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

The Grounds are looking really good at the moment - the spring bulbs are blooming well and we have recommenced grass cutting.

During the winter we replanted shrubs that had died off or had been removed.

We have also replanted some of the spring bedding plants. They suffered badly with the cold then unseasonably hot weather followed by torrential rain, resulting in some losses.

The planters commemorating the 60th year of the crematorium have been revamped using a mix of shrubs and seasonal bedding.

I recently inspected the Large Poplar trees on the north border new garden. We have agreed some height reduction to these trees given their age and this should extend their lifespan and prevent possible wind damage. We anticipate this work being undertaken in August 2019.

Brighstone, the grounds contractor, continues to work well and I am very pleased with their performance.

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

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