



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

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

The grounds continue to look good as we approach the Winter period. The contractor has worked very hard to maintain standards during the particularly wet autumn that we have just had.

We are carrying out shrub planting at the moment. This is a task that I aim to complete before Christmas, which is the busiest time for visitors.

I am awaiting confirmation from Rumwood Nursery, the rose supplier, on prices and availability and will place an order for delivery in January. They will be planted as soon as delivered.

We lost an Acacia tree in the storms and strong winds recently. It was cleared very quickly and efficiently by the tree contractor we use (Gristwood and Toms). The tree was situated North of the Book Room. I do not intend to replace it as the area is already heavily planted with trees.

The bedding displays were replaced in October and are interplanted with tulips. We also planted snowdrops among the heathers at the North entrance.

More bulbs were added under the beech tree and I am looking forward to a spectacular display in the Spring.

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*