



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -  
Monday 21 June 2021**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

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

This year has started with unseasonal cold and wet weather but I believe the gardening staff have continued to provide a first class service completing all scheduled tasks plus additional works as required and the grounds have continued to look good all through the year.

Now the weather has improved the roses and shrubs are starting to flower and will soon be at their best.

In the recent storms we lost a couple of large branches from the trees but no complete trees, which was good news. Unfortunately, we do have to remove a quite large pine tree from the western boundary as it has died; this will be taken down shortly.

The works to thin the crown on the sycamore tree bordering the neighbouring property on Upper Cornaway Lane have been programmed and will be carried out in the next 2-3 weeks

The summer bedding that was due to be delivered on the 19<sup>th</sup> May was delayed by a week due to the cold weather and plants needing additional time in the nursery. The bedding is all now planted, and a plant list is included for information in the appendix.

The indoor plants in the troughs at the entrance to the south chapel have now been replaced - shade-loving varieties were chosen as this area gets very little natural light.

I have received several enquiries about missing shrubs and trees from the gardens. I have explained where possible these will be replaced, but that it is not always possible to get the same shrub variety named on their location register, or plant trees in the exact same location due to old tree stump and root ball. Sometimes we have to change the shrub type as trees have grown and caused areas of shade where once they were in sunlight.

So far all enquires have been answered and families have accepted the reason for changing the shrub or planting trees as close as possible but not necessarily in the same location. I believe the cremated remains location are no longer listed as near a specific shrub or tree but by area location from marker posts. This is preferable as it allows the gardens to mature, change, and develop as required.

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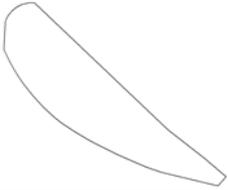
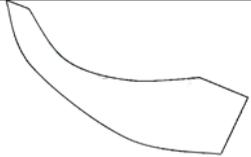
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## SUMMER BEDDING

# 2021

## Portchester Crematorium

Brighstone

	<p><b>CAR PARK ISLAND BED</b>            Plant as 6 Chevrons            Pelargonium Pinto Premium deep scarlet            Pelargonium Pinto Premium Orange            Salvia farinacea Mauritius Blue  <b>Edge:</b>Salvia Flamex 2000</p>	<p>392 392 392 576</p>	<p>9CM 9CM6 AC6-6 AC6-6</p>
	<p><b>WAITING ROOM BED</b>            Cosmos Bipinnatum mix</p>	<p>504</p>	<p>AC6-6</p>
	<p><b>CONSERVATORY BED</b>            Canna cannova red bronze leaf Dot plant            Salvia Faranacea big blue Dot plant            Geranium Pinto Premium Orange  <b>Edge:</b>Salvia Flamex 2000 red</p>	<p>24 108 756 288</p>	<p>1litre ac6-6 9cm AC6-6</p>
	<p><b>WAITING ROOM BORDERS</b>            Erysimum Bowles Mauve</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>9cm</p>

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