



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -
Monday 21 March 2022**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

The Grounds have taken a real battering in the recent storms. We lost two small trees, four large trees and a large limb from a Cedar in the New Garden.

Brighstone's response during and after the storm was very good and they deserve credit and recognition for this.

Gristwood and Toms the tree contractor also responded well to a call out for damaged and dangerous trees during and immediately after the storm. They also deserve credit for their efficient response especially given their increased workload.

We carried out some shrub planting in the New Garden during February, consisting of Aucuba Japonica Variegata and Ribes Sanquinem.

The Hawthorn hedge alongside the railway line was also substantially gapped up.

Choisya Ternata Sundance were planted in the commemorative containers outside the office. This was necessary following damage to the bedding plants caused by squirrels digging in the compost.

Grass cutting on the site has started again and the bark mulching of shrub beds is complete.

The Heather beds look very good this year.





The Spring bulbs are showing well and the Tulips in the bedding displays should start showing colour soon. When these are finished, I will arrange for them to be planted in the bulb border.



Brighstone the grounds contractor continues to work well and I am very pleased with their performance particularly their very positive help and assistance in the recent storms.

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