

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE  
Monday 16 June 2014**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

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

Once again the weather has had a major effect on our maintenance operations - stormy conditions and strong winds causing the need to fell some more trees already weakened by previous storms.

Our tree contractor ISS facilities management is currently in the process of removing stumps from the grounds. When this is completed later this month I will assess any replanting necessary.

The spring bedding has now been replaced with summer bedding plants and even at this early stage they are looking good.

Following a rather nasty infestation of Vine Weevil I decided to remove the shrub bed (known the Ying Yang bed) at the rear of the Crematorium. It has been replaced with a mix of ornamental grasses and mulched with granite chips.

The final section of the heather bed at the north of the main building has been completed and is a big improvement.

The bulb areas in the lawns are being cut down and cleared. They are left to die back so that nutrient is returned to the bulbs to promote good flowering next year.

The grounds maintenance contractor Brighstone continues to perform well, carrying out their duties to a very high standard. I am very satisfied with their performance.

*Ashley Humphrey*  
Horticultural Consultant

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

AH/jh  
5 June 2014