



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -
Monday 26 September 2022**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

The Gardens are looking extremely good. However the summer bedding plants are now coming to the end and will be replaced in early October with bedding plants and bulbs. The Dahlias and Cannas will be re-used in the bulb border.

Late Summer pruning has been completed so that access into the borders is maintained.

We have noticed an intermittent leak on the pond; this may be on the waterfall. To trace the leak we will switch off the pump for a couple of days to see if water is still lost. Once we have confirmed where the leak is it will be repaired.

The in-bloom results have been delayed as the awards ceremony was due to be held on the day of the late Queen's funeral. When I receive the results I will update members.

The Joint Committee in December 2021 considered a report about tree sculpture carvings and the outcome of a tree survey, and approved a course of action. The tree sculptor, Chris Baines, has now carried out a lot of work off site and will be on site and working in the grounds at the end of the month and into October. Photographs are set out overleaf - I think you will agree they are impressive.

Brighstone the grounds contractor continue to provide an excellent service 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*

