

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Monday 15 September 2014**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

At long last the weather settled and we have had a reasonable summer.

The summer has been a period of routine maintenance, with mostly regular operations being undertaken within the grounds.

The pump in the pond was replaced in July when it failed after several years of service. The replacement pump was sourced locally and a spare has been purchased so that only minimal interruption should occur when this new pump reaches the end of its working life.

ISS (one of our contractors) undertook tree stump grinding during July. This has improved the appearance of the grounds and will facilitate new planting where appropriate.

I have assessed the shrub replanting for the winter and will seek prices from suppliers shortly.

Several grass cuts were cancelled during the dry summer. Some of the money saved has been spent on extra watering and I anticipate the remainder will be spent on renovating worn grass areas in the Autumn.

The grounds maintenance contractor Brighstone continues to perform very well with continued high quality maintenance by a very professional team. I am very pleased with their performance.

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

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