



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -  
Monday 26 June 2023**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

**CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE**

A lot has taken place since my last report.

We have been cutting the grass weekly and in the last couple of weeks have started cutting down the bulb areas. The bulbs need a period of dieback to absorb nutrient from the stems which helps flowering the following year.

The spring bedding has been removed and composted on site and the new bedding has been planted and is looking stunning. The new compound area was useful and gave us secure storage for the plants.

The bulb borders and rose beds are looking good - the roses are particularly good this year.

We are currently hedge cutting and when this is completed, we will be carrying out pruning to maintain access within the scattering areas.

Preparatory works on the NVF and infants scattering area were completed recently by Barhill Plant Ltd, a contractor we use when a digger is required. They removed the old tree roots and added a good depth of soil so that scatterings can be undertaken easily.

They did a very good job and left the area in a good condition.

The grounds are looking good and Brighstone the grounds contractor continues to provide an excellent service which I am very pleased with.

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