



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -  
Monday 24 June 2024**

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

**CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE**

The team from Brighstone maintain the grounds to a high standard; weekly tasks are completed in a timely manner.

Recently the Summer bedding has been planted and the beds are looking very attractive and will only improve as the plants become established and are in full flower.

The rose beds are looking very colourful and are being regularly dead headed to ensure a long continuous flowering season.

Plans for the former water feature to be planted up with perennials have been submitted and could be planted up this coming Autumn.

Pruning of shrub beds progresses to keep them under control, particularly at this time of year when everything is growing fast. Some hedge cutting needed to be suspended as nesting birds were discovered and will need to be completed in 2 or 3 months' time.

Several trees are showing signs of decay or disease with noticeable deadwood; they are due to be inspected as part of the tree inspection schedule.

Thank you to the Grounds Team for their welcome and I look forward to working with them going forward.

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