

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

**REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT**

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

Many tasks have been undertaken by Brighstone Landscapes (our contractor) recently including the replanting of the flower beds, which should look stunning in the spring.

The rose beds have been dressed with farm yard manure to improve soil quality, act as a mulch and to adjust the acidity of the soil after years of applying spent mushroom compost.

The lawns have been aerated and I am hoping to cut them before Christmas to tidy the site prior to the influx of Christmas visitors.

The various seats around the site have received preservative as appropriate and the bins will be re-painted shortly.

We have planted a large number of cyclamen and narcissus bulbs under the beech tree to the north of the building. This will give colour in the autumn and spring.

I have confirmed adequate Christmas staffing arrangements with the contractor and additional bins will be provided.

Brighstone Landscapes continue to perform well and we have secured their services for a further two years, with the contract now continuing until December 2016.

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

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