



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -
Monday 12 December 2022**

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

It has been a busy time in the grounds coping with the autumn storms, leaf fall and the heavy persistent but much needed rain.

As a result of the October storms, we have lost two small trees and one of the large Atlantic Cedars in the lawn of the new garden. It will have to be felled, due to extensive damage to the trunk when a limb was torn off in the winds. I will arrange for a replacement to be planted during the winter.

The small trees lost were right next to the railway line, so I do not intend replacing them to avoid maintenance issues in the future.

We have purchased 411 shrubs to replace losses in the grounds caused mainly by the dry weather. Plant selection has been aimed at securing plants that have a greater degree of drought tolerance. The new shrubs will be planted before Christmas.

The Tree sculptor, Chris Baines, will complete his work in the grounds shortly and the sculptures are amazing.

We can take an opportunity to look at the sculptures after the meeting.

Brighstone the grounds contractor continues 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*