



REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -

Monday 20 September 2021

REPORT BY: THE HORTICULTURAL CONSULTANT

CREMATORIUM GROUNDS – GENERAL UPDATE

This year started with unseasonal cold and wet weather and the summer has continued to be mixed with high volumes of rain. However, I believe the gardening staff have continued to provide a first class service completing all scheduled tasks plus additional works as required and the grounds have continued to look good all through the year.

The unseasonably wet weather we have experienced has caused problems with excessive grass and shrub growth and the staff have been at full stretch to keep both grass and shrub growth under control. We have however only received a couple of complaints where the public could not get into a shrub bed to place floral tributes due to the excessive growth, and these were remedied very quickly.

The works to thin the crown on the sycamore tree bordering the neighbour on Upper Cornaway Lane has been completed and the resident has thanked us for the works.

The summer bedding was planted week commencing 24th May and has looked good all summer. I have attached some photos of the bedding and other areas of the gardens below.

We continue to receive enquiries about missing shrubs and trees from the gardens. These we will endeavour to replace in the autumn but may not be with the original variety or in the exact location stated on the register. Sometimes we have to change the shrub type as trees have grown and caused shade areas where once they were in sunlight, or adjust location due to old tree roots.

The winter bedding is due to be delivered and planted week commencing 18th October. A planting list is included at the end of this report.

I will shortly be reviewing the grounds for any shrub and rose replacements that are required for this autumn.

Below is a selection of photos of the bedding and grounds as requested at the last meeting.

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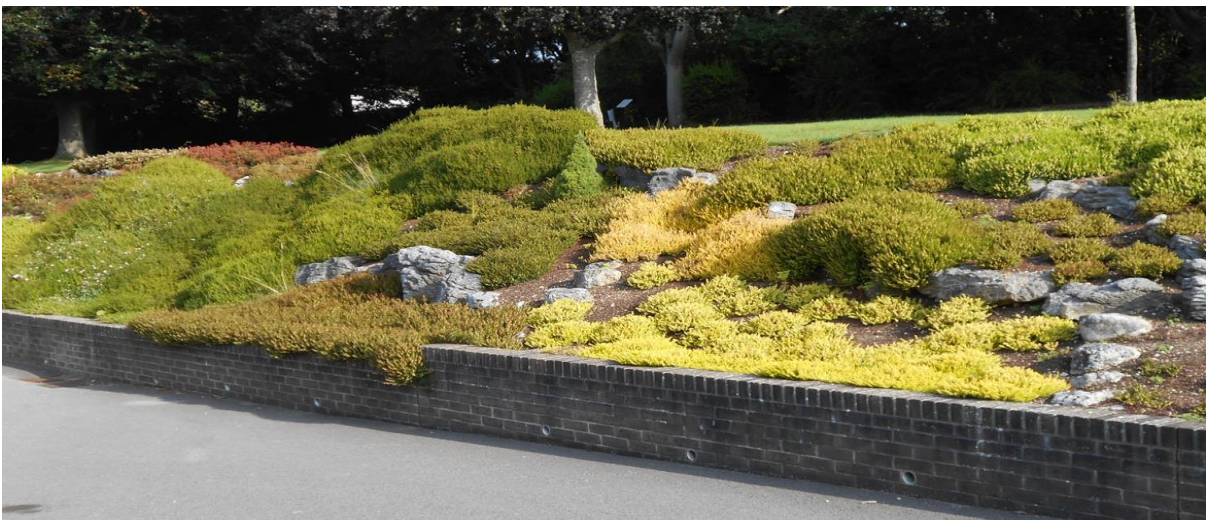
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Background List of Documents –

Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 – None

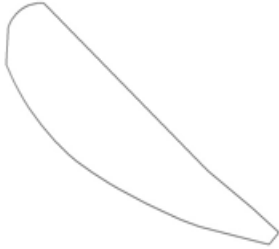

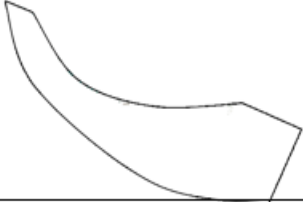







2020/21

Portchester Crematorium

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|  | <u>CAR PARK ISLAND BED</u> | | |
| | Myosotis <u>Nena</u> Blue | 1296 | MC9-6 |
| | Polyanthus Crescendo Yellow | 144 | 9CM |
| | Bulbs: Tulip Double Carlton red | 750 | 10+cm |
|  | <u>WAITING ROOM BED</u> | | |
| | Polyanthus crescendo Yellow | 360 | 9 cm |
| | Bulbs: Tulip Lily flowered Pretty Woman | 250 | 10+cm |
|  | <u>CONSERVATORY BED</u> | | |
| | Polyanthus crescendo mixed | 1152 | 9 cm |
| | Bulbs: Tulip Fringed Solstice | 750 | 10+cm |
| | <u>WAITING ROOM BORDERS</u> | | |
| | Wallflower <u>bedder</u> mixed | 108 | AC6-6 |
| | Bulbs: Tulip Single early Darwin Holland Beauty | 100 | 10+cm |

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|  | <u>Crematorium Planters</u> | | |
| | Polyanthus crescendo mixed | 36 | 9cm |
| | Cyclamen <u>Persicum</u> mixed | 108 | 9cm |
| | Hyacinth Delft Blue | 50 | 16+cm |