

## Important Notice

We have recently identified some incidents involving vandalism and damage to trees within the scattering gardens where people have carved in to the bark causing criminal damage.

We take great care to preserve the beautiful established trees; they are so important for the green space that we have here at Portchester Crematorium, so it is upsetting to see this happen.

All trees, shrubs and plants are maintained for the natural beauty and the enjoyment of all visitors.

**The trees are not there to be used by anyone as an individual memorial. The placing of memorials and personal items is not permitted.**

Carving in to the tree, drilling a screw, hammering a nail or pushing pins into a tree will inevitably leave a wound. You are exposing the extremely delicate part of the tree to bacteria, viruses, bugs, and fungi and putting it at great risk of permanent damage.

It is the same with tying or wrapping things around the trees or shrubs, this could damage the bark on the tree or even prevent growth from happening if wrapped tightly enough.