

Friends of Valley Gardens

August 2021 No 29

Working Parties

Dates for Working Parties

Sunday 8th August – 10am

Saturday 28th August – 10am

Sunday 19th Sept – 10am

Meet under the bridge

On Sunday 4th July, 8 members tidied up the shrub borders near the Crescent entrance and collected litter.

On Thursday 22nd July, 4 members weeded the borders below Woodend and collected yet more litter.

We have a working party this Sunday (8th). Most of the rockery between the two ponds has been cleared of weeds by the park gardeners so we will aim to finish it off. I would also like to do some work near the grotto to improve the drainage and stop the puddle forming every time it rains heavily.



Cavaliers Charity Fair

Saturday August 14th

10am – 4pm

We have arranged to have a stall at the charity fair on August 14th. We will be located outside Pavers and will be selling books, jigsaws and plants. We also hope to have a display about the work we do. Thank you to everyone who donated books and jigsaws and we hope to see as many of you as possible during the day. If anyone would like to help on the stall, let me know so we can plan a rota for the day. No-body will be expected to do more than a two hour stint

***Photographs from the top –
Felicity and Jane tidying the corner bed
Sue sorts out the shrub border
The shrub border in early July***

The Park in August

August is generally a less colourful time in the park but the circular beds maintained by the council are looking spectacular at the minute.

The Penstemons and Stachys in the Woodend Tower bed are in full bloom and obviously producing a lot of nectar. Every morning it has been alive with bees, particularly the White tailed Bumble Bee, so I presume there is a nest near-by. They are social bees living in colonies of up to 200 workers often in abandoned mouse holes in walls and banks.

The Hydrangeas around the gardens are coming into flower and will look particularly good in the shrub borders with the Osteospermums, Verbena and Penstemons.

Keep an eye open for the Yellow Wagtail that has taken up residence near the pond. This is a summer visitor from Africa that inhabits meadowland and damp grassland where it feeds on insects.



Other News

Book Donations

Thank you for the donations of books and jigsaws. Any further donations could be brought to the stall on the day.

Other Donations

Thank you also to Hazel Chapman who has given the group £50 and has also transplanted Hostas, Cranesbills and Pulmonaria from her garden so we can use them around the park this autumn.

Fossil Festival

Scarborough Museums Trust are holding the Fossil Festival again and are looking for help on Saturday and Sunday 11th/12th September.

They are looking for volunteers to be outside the Rotunda to chat to visitors, tell them a little bit about what's going on, and direct them around the site. Other volunteers will be needed to assist in collecting information on where visitors have come from, how many people are in their group, and what aspects of the Festival they have particularly enjoyed. Further information about the festival can be found at (<https://yorkshirefossilfestival.co.uk/>). Let me know if you would be available to help.

Photographs – from the top

***White Tailed Bumble Bee on Stachys
The Urn bed from above
Annuals in the recently sown meadow area***