

Friends of Valley Gardens

Newsletter February 2020

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Programme – February/March

Sunday February 9th – Training Session
23 Valley Road 10am – 11am

Thursday February 27th
Committee Meeting
23 Valley Road at 7pm

Friday March 6th
International Women's Day Event
Woodend/Art Gallery

Sunday March 8th
Work Party
Meet at Woodend Arch at 10am

Work Parties

In December we filled the new hedgehog hibernation cages with leaves and did some weeding of the long border above the pond. In January nine hardy souls turned out in the pouring rain and collected eleven bags of assorted litter and rubbish.

This month, on Sunday 9th February, we will be doing a training session, but unfortunately I don't have the details yet. This will at least take place in the warm at 23 Valley Road from 10am until 11am.

In March and April we will be back outside again planting snowdrops in the green and wild flower plugs and tidying up the various borders we planted last year.

The snowdrops we planted in the green last year are just coming into flower on the slope behind the circular urn bed. The various bulbs we planted in November are beginning to emerge and should give a decent display near the grotto.

Friends Anniversary

It is hard to believe that it is nearly a year since we held our first Friend's Meeting at Londesborough Lodge. I think we can be pleased with the progress we have made, we have planted up several borders, removed a lot of litter and a lot of weeds, cleared paths and planted bulbs. We've supported Woodend by helping at a number of events, been on butterfly walks, visited museum stores and held a tree walk. The one area we have made very little progress is in the renovation of the grotto and cast iron fencing, but we do at last have a meeting with Estates next week to try and agree a way forward.

In 2020 we need to maintain and further develop the borders we started last year and make a start on creating a colourful and wildlife-friendly meadow area.

We would, however, have achieved very little without the support of the Parks Department, and we would especially like to thank Matthew and Helen for their help and encouragement.

Also without the help and guidance of Sheila and Roger, particularly in the early stages of our existence, we would have struggled to reach our first anniversary.

Finally we owe a debt of gratitude to the small but dedicated band of volunteers who turn out in all weathers to try and make a difference.



Filling the hedgehog hibernation cages in December

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Some of the snowdrops that Lucy Lambley gave us last year



The pond in
the late
1860's.

Other News

Grant Application

We have put in a grant application to the Borough of Scarborough Community fund for bird and bat boxes, bird feeders, a supply of bird food and wild flower plug plants. If we are successful then we would receive the money in May, so this is planning for next autumn and beyond.

Insurance

You will be pleased to learn that we have renewed our insurance for the coming year. Apparently the law insists that we display the policy certificate at our place of work. As I don't think a paper certificate would last very long nailed to a tree in the park I have decided to scan it in and attach a copy of it to this e-mail.

Bulbs

Is it my imagination, or are there actually a lot more bulbs emerging this spring than there were last year. It may be that I have been looking more carefully or it could be a result of more light reaching the floor after the gardeners cleared so much vegetation in the autumn.



International Women's Day Event

This will take place on Friday March 6th from 9am-5pm at Woodend/Scarborough Art Gallery. This is an International Women's day event consisting of talks, workshops and exhibition stands for women in business and is run by Inspiring Women on the Yorkshire Coast. They need helpers to guide visitors between venues and give information about what's going on. It should be a fun day and you will be given a goody bag (and lots of cake) for your time! They will be running a training day for volunteers in advance of this event. Contact Felicity if you would like to help.