

Friends of Valley Gardens

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Work Parties

Sunday 14 April 2024, 10am to 12 noon

Sunday 5 May 2024, 10am to 12 noon

Sunday 2 June, 10am to 12 noon

Meet at the shelter at the top of the path at 9 Valley Road

We had a good turnout for the work party on 18 February with 12 volunteers who between them took on the tasks of weeding and tidying the Peace Garden, as well as collecting 9 bags of litter.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny (if a bit windy) morning on 24 March. The main focus was on pruning the Hydrangeas and cutting back brambles within the gardens as well as the usual litter picking.

We pruned some of the Hydrangea bushes hard to encourage bigger but fewer blooms and in some areas we went in lightly to encourage more flowers. Fingers crossed we don't get too many more frosts!



Pruners hard at work



Taking a well earned break



★ *Hidden surprises!*

★ If you have been walking through the gardens recently you might have spotted a few surprises hidden around.

★ We don't know who has left them there but what a lovely idea!

★ These are the ones we found when working in the Gardens—rehidden, of course, for others to discover.



Fruit Trees

We are really pleased to report that the fruit trees, courtesy of GROW Scarborough (with funding provided by [SeeChange](#)) have now been planted in the Gardens. They are a mix of apple, pears and cherry and will hopefully provide locals with free fruit for years to come!



Vernon Road Foot Bridge

One of things we mentioned in the last newsletter was the repair of the railings on the Vernon Road footbridge.



Original gate, ready for sanding

We are pleased to report that the work is now complete on the railings.

We are also delighted that the original gate has been restored and is being put back in situ.



Replacement railings ready for painting

The only thing left to do is to paint both the railings and the gate which we are hoping to do at our work party on 14 April (weather permitting), working alongside some of the Parks and Gardens Team, who have done such a great job with the repairs.

Can you help?

We are always looking for more volunteers to help either at the work parties or behind the scenes helping with fund raising, funding applications, social media, being on the Committee etc. If you would like to get involved contact our Secretary, Chris, by email to: friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com

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