

Friends of Valley Gardens

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Work Parties

Wednesday 29th March – 2pm

Sunday 16th April – 9.30am

Monday May 8th – 10am

Meet under the bridge

At our February Work Party we cleared many bags of rubbish from the Gardens and in March we tidied and weeded the shrub borders near the Crescent and dug over the bed around the fountain. The gardeners will probably grass over the flowerbed around the fountain and naturalise bulbs in the area. The plants that were put in the bed have failed to thrive because people keep standing on them on their way to sitting on the fountain. In our April work party we will move the surviving plants to a new home.

Our next work party is on Wednesday 29th March. Earlier this week, Chris and Geraldine Cooper and I went over to Reighton and ordered over 100 plants. The Garden Centre delivered them the following morning and we'll be putting all these plants into the beds around the small pond during the work session on the 29th.

In the April session we will transfer the plants from the fountain, cut back some of the perennials such as the Penstemons and Cranesbill Geraniums and plant out Candelabra Primula

Coronation Work Party – May 8th

As part of the celebrations for the Coronation, it has been suggested that people should come together on the Sunday to share food and on the Monday to volunteer for good causes. We thought we would combine the two. At 10am on the Monday we will meet to do some work in the park and then at twelve o'clock we will adjourn for a picnic lunch. During the morning work session we hope to plant a tree to celebrate the Coronation. There will be more details in the next newsletter.



**Photographs – from the top
Litter Picking in February
Tidying and clearing borders in March
Daffodils by Woodend**



In Other News

Benches in the Park

You might have spotted the bench that has appeared next to the small pond. We had a meeting with members of the Parks Department and have agreed the positioning of three further benches. These will be placed on the flat area near the Crescent entrance, on the grass near the fountain and in the Art Gallery garden. Thanks to Ian Smith for obtaining the refurbished benches. Ian has also managed to arrange the regular power-washing of the paths next to the lily pond to remove the pigeon droppings and mud.

Bird and Bat Boxes

Finally we have some progress. Scarborough Mates are making us the bird boxes for just the cost of the wood and we have ordered four bat boxes. Ian Smith has offered to use some of his workforce to put them up for us.

Footpaths

We haven't made a lot of progress in getting the footpaths next to Westborough registered. The process is slightly more complicated than we anticipated. Interestingly, work on the building itself seems to have stopped and Infiniti seem to have disappeared off site.

And Finally

Felicity (Chairman) and I (Secretary) have for some time been considering moving away from Scarborough. The house we have is now far too large for just the two of us and moving to somewhere like York with its better transport links certainly appeals. Finally, a couple of weeks ago we got round to putting the house on the market and much to our surprise and slight consternation it sold in less than a week. We hope this will not affect the way that the group operates and that it will carry on with the good work that it does after our departure.



Photographs – from the top

Some of the plants awaiting delivery at Reighton

More daffodils below the Art Gallery

Scilla and crocus also below the Art Gallery