

# Friends of Valley Gardens

Issue No 65

*Welcome to the final newsletter of 2025.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters  
a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2026*

## **Dates for the Diary**

We are taking a break in January so work parties will start up again February.

Dates for the first couple of months are:

Sunday 8 February 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

Sunday 22 February 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

Sunday 8 March 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

Sunday 22 March 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

The meeting point is at the top of the drive at No 25 Valley Road - the house with the blue gates.

## **Work parties**

Over the past couple of months we have been busy litter picking and bulb planting, and the Parks and Gardens team have also been busy cutting back overgrowth and clearing paths where they can.

We are also pleased to report that the speed sign (which had been out of action) is now working again.

We are so grateful to our volunteers who give up their time to do what they can to make the Gardens a better place.



### Looking ahead to 2026

We will be installing 2 new noticeboards in the Gardens, We are grateful to Cllr Janet Jefferson for contributing towards the cost of these from her Locality Budget. The noticeboards have been made locally, with locally sourced materials and will hold information about forthcoming work parties, events, a copy of the Newsletter and a bit of history about the Gardens.

We are also developing plans to improve the drainage around the Ice House and to add a picture gallery showing the history of the Gardens.

We want to improve the accessibility of the Gardens with better paths and lighting but that would, of course, require significant funding. Research is underway in trying to identify possible funding sources to realise this ambition.

And finally, as you are aware, Chris Cooper, our former Secretary and one of our longest serving volunteers, sadly passed away this year. We are liaising with his family to install a commemorative plaque on a bench in the Gardens to honour his memory.

***And finally...***

Don't forget you can sign up to Easy fundraising at any time.

For your last minute Christmas shopping online, but also throughout the year, you can also support The Friends of Valley Gardens.

Most of the large on-line retailers and supermarkets are part of the scheme whereby they will donate a percentage of any sale to us, at no extra cost to you.

All you need to do is sign up to EasyFundraising ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)) and select Friends of Scarborough Valley Gardens as the organisation you wish to support. Then, when you are doing your shopping, if it is one of the retailers who are part of the scheme, you will be asked if you want to make a donation—just say yes and the donation will come to us automatically.

It really is that simple!

Thank you

### 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, Mick, by email to: [\*\*friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com)

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