

Friends of Valley Gardens

September/October 2022

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Work Parties

Sunday September 11th

Sunday October 2nd

Sunday November 6th

Meet under the bridge at 10am.

We have had just the one work party since the last newsletter. Eight members collected litter, and tidied up the Woodend flowerbeds and the shade border and planted lots of Verbena Bonariensis. This coming Sunday we will be planting up the gaps in the shade border with a mix of ferns and shade tolerant perennials.

On October 2nd, as part of the Great Big Green Week, we will be planting bulbs around the park. On Wednesday October 5th we are hosting the St Mark's Brownies and they will also be litter picking and planting bulbs.

Wind in the Willows

A number of our members attended the performance of Wind in the Willows on the lawn behind Woodend over Bank Holiday Weekend.

It was an excellent production with stand out performances from Mole and Rat. It was more of a musical, but the songs were well sung and the words were quite amusing. There was also clever use of props to create the illusion of the river, cars and caravans. Overall it was a pleasant and entertaining afternoon.

Other News

The Parks Department have done some tidying up of the gardens around Woodend, but apart from cutting the grass little has been done in the rest of the Gardens. None of the strimming and tidying up that was agreed with the parks department many weeks ago has been carried out.

Easyfundraising

We recently had nearly £50 paid into our account from the Easyfundraising organisation, and in total we have raised £120 by using the Easyfundraising website when we purchase items online. This amount of money has been raised by just six supporters, so imagine how much we could raise if more of our members were to register with the site.

It is very easy. Go to the Easyfundraising website and click the get started button. Type in Friends of Scarborough Valley Gardens in the cause box and then register with the website. Everytime you shop go to the easyfundraising website, click on the retailer you want to use and it will take you to the retailer's website. A donation will then automatically go to our account when you buy something.

Firms that give donations include M & S, Booking.com, Amazon, e-bay, John Lewis, Boots and Currys. However six thousand retailers are part of the scheme.

It's a very easy way to raise funds for the group.



Consultation Exercise
Woodend Conference Room
Saturday 8th October
Sunday 9th October
10.30am to 3pm

If we are to obtain grants for some of the larger projects we hope to do in the Gardens, then we need to prove we have consulted the local residents and taken into account their views on how the area should develop.

We started the process on Armed Forces Day, and we would like to continue the consultation process on the Weekend of October 8th and 9th.

In the week leading up to the consultation weekend we will be delivering Questionnaires and leaflets to the Crescent, Valley Road, Grosvenor Road, Royal Avenue and Cromwell Road. Residents will be invited to join us at Woodend, where we will have members present to receive completed questionnaires, help people fill them in or just discuss the work that the Friends do.

We will also have displays showing the history of the park and the work we do and we will also offer historical themed guided tours of the park.

We will need help delivering the questionnaires and leaflets and also we will need volunteers to talk to residents in the conference room at Woodend.

If you think you can help then let me know through the friends e-mail account. Questionnaires could be delivered any time in the preceding week and sessions at Woodend would run from 10am to 12.45pm and 12.45pm to 3.30pm on both the Saturday and Sunday.

Drawings of the Park – 1888

The two illustrations below are taken from an article in the Graphic, published in August 1888. The newspaper had a double page spread of drawings of Scarborough and the surrounding area as part of a series of articles about summer holiday resorts.

The drawing below shows the pond looking towards the Abbey Flats and also the path that used to run round the far side. The Victorian figures are quite fascinating.

The bottom drawing is of the park looking towards the Grand Hotel. It is almost identical to a photograph I have, taken by George Washington Wilson. All the artist did when he copied the photograph was to add the children to the bench at the bottom

