

# Friends of Valley Gardens

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## ***Working Parties***

### ***Dates for Working Parties***

***Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July – 10am***

***Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 7pm***

***Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August – 10am***

***Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August – 7pm***

***Meet under the bridge***

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7 members continued weeding the long border, and planted out cranesbills, osteospermum, pink strawberry and rosemary. Various shrub borders below Woodend were weeded and tidied up and three bags of litter collected.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 5 members completed the weeding of the long border.

We have a working party this Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>) and we intend to start with a walk round the park to pinpoint areas we can work on and identify a place where we can put a seat where disabled access would be relatively easy to achieve. We will finish at the shrub borders near the Crescent and work on those.

Last month it was the turn of the shrubs to put on a display. The azaleas have looked spectacular and the weigela and senecio, while not quite as stunning have added splashes of colour throughout the park.

The foxgloves in the Woodend Tower bed seeded themselves into cracks and crevices and have put on an impressive show. The shrub beds, while in need of a tidy up, are very colourful at present. Watch out for the charm of goldfinches that have taken up residence in the gardens.



## ***Dates for your Diary***

***Charity Fair – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August***

***Fossil Festival – 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September***

***From the top –***

***Azaleas***

***Foxgloves below Woodend***

***Weeding the long border***

## ***Brownies***

Sixteen Brownies and three leaders held a meeting in the park last Wednesday evening. They spent an hour collecting eight bags of litter and half an hour putting in some wild flower plug plants in the area above the Urn bed. I think they all had an enjoyable time and both activities counted towards their badgework. A big thanks to Sue and Debbie who came along to help after a hard day at work.



## ***Other News***

### ***Local Newspaper Article***

The Scarborough News carried an excellent spread on the Friends Group last week. Felicity wrote the article and it was accompanied by a lot of very good photographs.

### ***Sheila Vickers***

Mick Prince is meeting with Sheila Johnson in the near future to discuss a floral tribute to Sheila Vickers, probably in the area of the Trinity Walk, the public right of way for which she campaigned.

### ***Repair to the walls***

The council are to repair and rebuild the walls that run down through the park below the Art Gallery, and in fact used to form the boundaries of the Art Gallery (Crescent House as it was then) gardens. We don't expect work to start immediately as there are a few problems to overcome, such as sourcing the bricks and dealing with the vegetation that has damaged sections of the wall.

### ***Orchids***

In the past we have had the occasional common spotted orchid growing in the park, this year, so far, I have counted twelve flower heads, the majority on the slope above the mill pond. There is also, for the first time, a pyramidal orchid.

### ***Books and bird seed***

Unfortunately there hasn't been a lot of response to our appeal for books to sell at the Cavaliers Charity Fair or our request for donations of fat balls and/or seed for the bird feeders. Please let us know if you can help. [friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com)



### ***Photographs – from the top***

***A robin helps with weeding the rockery  
A good morning's work completed  
Orchids. Left – Pyramidal, right - Common Spotted***