

Friends of Valley Gardens

Newsletter August 2020

Work Parties

All work parties will meet under the bridge by the small pond.

Wednesday Aug 12th - 7pm

Sunday August 23rd - 10am

Wednesday September 2nd - 7pm

In our July work sessions we managed to finish weeding the long border. It now looks so much better and a number of young plants emerged from the tangle of weeds that we had no idea existed. They will now have a chance to properly establish themselves in the border. Our brilliant team of litter pickers also removed a vast amount of rubbish from the gardens

Eight members attended today's session (2nd) and weeded most of the Woodend flower beds, swept the paths below the Art Gallery, removed ivy from above the gate to Londesborough Lodge, started tidying the shrub borders and cleared yet more litter. Unfortunately we were prevented from doing much more by a heavy rain storm.



Pyramidal Orchid, one of three orchids seen in the park this summer



Meetings

Felicity and Graham have recently managed to meet with representatives of Parks and Gardens. This has obviously been a very difficult year for them. They have been very short staffed and not been able to do much more than keep the areas around Valley Road neat and tidy. However the circular beds they have planted up with annuals are looking very lovely and colourful. I personally think the simple design is much more striking and will remain in good condition for much longer than the more complicated designs of previous years. We have agreed a course of action for the next couple of months. As a group we will continue our efforts to tidy up and improve the areas we have already taken responsibility for. The garden team will trim the areas of long grass in the gardens near the footbridge over Vernon Road during August. This will allow the primroses, cowslips, wood anemones and other spring flowers to build up strength for next year and weaken the bindweed and grasses that threaten to overpower them. We also met with Matthew Smartt who deals with architectural features in the parks and gardens around Scarborough. He is putting together estimates to repair the grotto and cast iron fencing. It will then be up to us to raise the money.