

Friends of Valley Gardens Happy Christmas

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Work Parties

At the last work party in November, on a glorious autumn morning, we planted 800 bulbs in the wildflower area and on the banks near the grotto. Provided the squirrels don't dig them up we should get a decent display next spring.

On Sunday we would like to finish weeding the long border by the path above the pond, weather permitting of course. Please bring a pair of gloves and wear decent footwear.

You may have noticed some wire cages that have appeared on the bottom path below the art gallery. These are hedgehog hibernation homes. At the bottom is a pipe for access and they need filling with leaves. In the spring the leaf mould could be spread on some of the borders. Filling the cages is another job for Sunday, so if you have a pair of leaf grabbers, bring them along.

On January 12th it will be a litter pick as it is unlikely the ground will be fit to cultivate.

The next newsletter will come out in early January and cover both January and February.

Programme –November/December

Sunday 8th December

Work party – meet Woodend Archway at 10am

Sunday 12th January

Litter Pick – meet Woodend Arch at 10am

Thursday 16th January

Committee Meeting 7pm
Venue to be confirmed



This photograph of the gardens was taken in the early 1880's. The path layout is still evident today and you can just about pin point where the photographer's tripod must have been placed. The GWW at the bottom stands for George Washington Wilson, a Scottish photographer who specialised in landscape photography.