

# Friends of Valley Gardens

Issue No 53

## **Work Parties**

**Sunday 2 June, 10am to 12 noon**

**Sunday 30 June, 10am, to 12 noon**

**Meet at the shelter at the top of the path at 9 Valley Road.**

**We are also hoping to arrange some evening sessions now that the evenings are lighter (and sometimes warmer!). We will keep you posted if any additional dates are added.**

## **Thank you Sainsbury's**

A very big thank you to Dan Shaw (seen here with volunteer Jane), manager of the Sainsbury's store on Falsgrave. They donated a variety of plants to us including Geums, Bellis, Scabious Hyacinths and lots of Pansies. Jane collected them from the store on Saturday 13 April and by midday on Sunday 14th they had been planted in the Gardens!



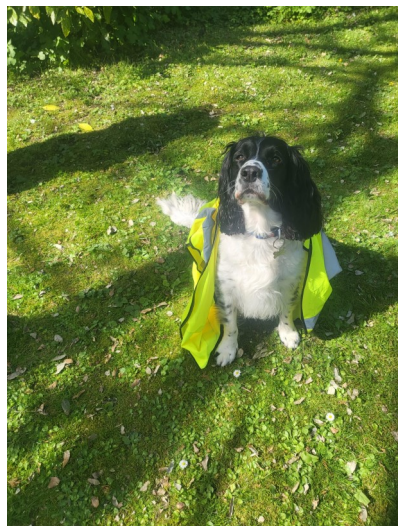
## **14 April 2024 Work Party**

We had a busy session on 14 April with 11 volunteers in total. Some of us met with Ian and Steve from Parks and Gardens at the start of the session. They are helping us to plan ongoing work in the Peace Garden. We also did a walk through to identify the best place to put the plants from Sainsbury's.

Following the meeting, it was the start of some serious pruning in the Peace Garden by a couple of our members, with others planting along the border near Woodend, joined, as always, by the usual litter picking crew. All in all 6 bags of rubbish, 5 bags of garden waste and lots of plants planted! Luckily we had Harper with us again to make sure we kept up to the task!



*The planters and litter pickers*



*Harper takes his role as Supervisor very seriously!*



*The pruners*

## Unexpected Guests!



As you can see from this picture the border area near The Crescent entrance is very overgrown so that was the focus for the work party on 5 May. Although only a couple of volunteers were able to attend but they did manage to make a start on clearing border.



*Debs and Jane hard at work clearing the border with Saffy (deputising for Harper) helping—sort of!*

But part way through the session we were honoured to have two guest gardeners come along to help. The amazing "Green-Fingered Gals" popped over from the Scarborough Streets festival to give us some timely and well needed advice which we found invaluable and which helped us to continue our work that morning.



*Thank you  
Green-Fingered Gals*

## Wild Eye Project

A representative from the Wild Eye Project came to one of our Committee meetings to explain a bit more about what they do. Basically it is a new art and nature programme celebrating Scarborough's wildlife and coastal environment—they'll be creating outdoor artworks, trails, events and digital experiences. To find out more go to [www.wildeye.co.uk](http://www.wildeye.co.uk)

## And finally...



You may have spotted three rattan bunny rabbits peeking out amongst the plants in the picture on the first page. These too were donated by Sainsbury's and were in need of new homes so we released them into the Gardens in the hope that someone would find them.



We are pleased to report that all three are now with their new owners. Thanks to those who posted pictures on Facebook of two of the bunnies in their new homes.

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

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