

# Friends of Valley Gardens

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## **Work Parties**

**Sunday 18 February 2024, 10am to 12 noon**

**Sunday 24 March 2024, 10am to 12 noon**

**Meet at the shelter at the top of the path**

**at 9 Valley Road.**

*At this time of year the main jobs are general garden tidying and litter picking.*

*But, depending on the weather, we also hope that some of us will be able to tackle the clearing of the Peace Garden working with the Parks Team on one of the above sessions.*

At the last work party of 2023, 8 of us spent an hour litter picking before the heavens opened.

Luckily we had Harper to keep an eye on us.



We were pleased to welcome two new volunteers (pictured in the middle here) to our first work party of 2024.

There were 10 of us in total focusing on litter picking. 11 bags of rubbish were collected.

## **Fruit trees**

We reported in the last newsletter about the generous donation of 5 fruit trees from GROW Scarborough.

Well, we are pleased to report that North Yorkshire Council are giving us a further 5 trees, all of which will be planted in Valley Gardens.

The trees will be a mixture of apple, pear and cherry with the aim being to have natural woodland species that still provide edible fruit.

Members of the Council's Parks and Gardens Team braved the elements to meet Colin from Friends of Valley Gardens and Darren from GROW Scarborough to look at possible locations for the trees. We will, of course, keep you posted with progress.



*Peace Garden*



*Below the Buddhist Centre*

### **Projects Update**

Last summer we told you about some projects which we wanted to focus on and it seems a good time to give you an update.

**'Peace Garden'** - work is ongoing on tidying and improving this area. Benches have been installed and it is hoped the some of the new fruit trees can be planted here. Work will continue this year.

**New benches** —new benches have been put in place around the Gardens and on Valley Road.

**Repair/repaint the Victorian bench** (near the roundabout at the end of Valley Road )—this work is now complete.

**Replacing of the fruit trees**—10 new fruit trees will be planted this year (see article in this newsletter).

**Repair of railings on Vernon Road bridge**—we are liaising with North Yorkshire Council regarding this and hope it will be progressed in the not too distant future.

In addition to the above we are also hoping to install some noticeboards in the Gardens, produce a leaflet on the history of the Gardens, and, in the longer term, plot out a walking trail through the Gardens.

### **And finally,**

Some of you will have seen on our Facebook page the great news about the rescue of the injured goose from the pond at Valley Bridge.

We wanted to pass on our thanks again to Whitby Wildlife Sanctuary for their efforts in nursing the goose back to life and also giving a new home to her two companions—all three were domestic geese which had been abandoned at the pond.



*Before the rescue*



*After treatment*



*Happy in their new home*

### **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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