

Friends of Valley Gardens

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Happy New Year

News

There isn't a lot to report this time. I hope you all had a good Christmas and got lots of presents from Father Christmas.

Although we lost one or two smaller branches, the park emerged relatively unscathed from Storm Arwen.

We managed one work party in December. Seven members and Saffy the dog cleared paths and steps of leaves, filled the leaf cages, cleared litter and ran about with a branch in their mouth.

Our next work party is on Sunday January 23rd when we will be doing a litter pick. As usual, meet under the bridge at 10am.

Our lone Tufted Duck has been joined by others, at one point there were three males and two females.

In March last year we were given five trays of polyanthus that were surplus to requirements and we put a lot of them in the rockery below the bridge. A number of those plants are already flowering again.

The fountain has been drained of water and in the spring it will be cleaned out, filled with soil and plants put in. This is a short term fix to improve the area until the money can be found for a proper restoration of the fountain.



Photographs from the top –

Jane and Saffy at work

Sunrise viewed from the grotto

Polyanthus in flower with Fuchsia flowers behind