

Friends of Valley Gardens

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Work Parties

Wednesday 2 August - 7pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 13 August - 10am to 12 noon

Wednesday 23 August - 7pm to 8.30pm

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

**We ask all volunteers to meet here, not only
to collect tools, but also because it gives us a
chance to give a (very short) briefing of the
jobs to be done in that session before we all
head off to do the work.**



*Giving the plants a helping hand in the
extremely hot weather.*

June and July work parties

It is only a few weeks ago that we were enjoying (if that is the right word!) the extremely hot weather. It did make it quite hard work on 24th June, so we decided to just work for an hour that day, with most of us concentrating on litter picking (it was the day after Armed Forces Day).

For 5th July and 16th July, the focus was on tidying various areas in the Gardens, including the border above the pond and the path above that, and the shaded path at the bottom of the Gardens and near Woodend. We even managed a little bit of planting.

Volunteer numbers were steady with 9 on 24th June and 16th July, and 7 on 5th July but we can always use more help. If you are able to spare any time (you don't have to stay for the full session) then do please come along and join us. If you would like to get involved, please email our Secretary, Chris Cooper at: friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com

*The areas of the
Gardens given a tidy
up in July.*



Issues in the Gardens

We had a couple of incidents in the Gardens in July but both were dealt with quickly thanks to the Council's Parks Team.

Firstly, some of you may have spotted that the urn on top of the fountain had broken/fallen off .

We are not sure how it happened but we are very grateful to the Council's Parks Team who have managed to repair the damage and it is now back in its rightful place.



The strong winds in mid July also brought down a tree near the white bridge which fell on to the path restricting access to the park from that direction.

We are pleased to report that the tree has now been safely removed and the path is clear again.

If you notice anything like this when walking through the Gardens then please do drop us an email (friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com) to let us know, and a photo always helps so that we can identify where the problem is.

We can then pass the details on to the Parks Team who will do their best to resolve the matter quickly.

Future plans

The Committee will be doing a walk through the Gardens with the Parks Team next week. The aim is to get a sense of what work needs to be done and what areas need most attention. This will help inform our planning for future work parties and for potential projects which we could do. We will, of course, keep our members informed as plans develop.

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