

Friends of Valley Gardens

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Next Work Parties

Sunday 17 November 2024 , 10.15 am to 12 noon

Sunday 1 December 2024, 10.15 am to 12 noon

Meet under Valley Bridge, near the ponds

The main focus at this time of year is general tidying of the gardens plus litter picking, of course.

Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder that our Annual General Meeting is taking place on **Thursday 28 November at 7pm at Woodend, The Crescent, Scarborough, YO11 2PW**. The agenda and papers will be emailed to everyone towards the end of next week.

Once the formal business is completed representatives from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team of North Yorkshire Police will provide an update and answer any questions on the new Public Space Protection Order as it relates to Valley Gardens.

Then, after a quick break for refreshments, our speaker will be Cllr Rich Maw talking about 'Scarborough 400 - A Quatercentenary of the 1st Seaside Resort'.

Did you know that 2026 is the 400th anniversary of the town? A committee has been set up to plan celebrations for this historic milestone, the key focus being exploring what could be done to the historic Spa Pump House to secure its legacy. It is also looking at what other activities/events might be held to mark the occasion. We look forward to hearing more from Cllr Maw about this exciting project.

The wonders of nature!



During the work party on 27 October, one of our volunteers came across a strange sight appearing from amongst the leaves under a Conifer tree on one of the top paths in the Gardens.

After a bit of detective work, we think we have identified it as *Ramaria stricta*—also known as the strict coral fungus.

From what we understand it's not poisonous but not something you would want to eat—apparently it is 'bitter and unpalatable'



What do you think? Have we identified it correctly? Get in touch if you have any other suggestions as to what it might be.

October Work Parties

On 13 October there was just a small team of people but a lot was achieved clearing and tidying up in the Gardens.

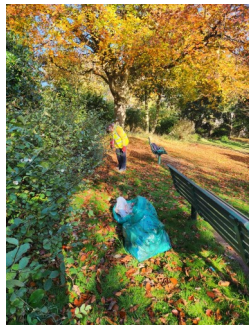
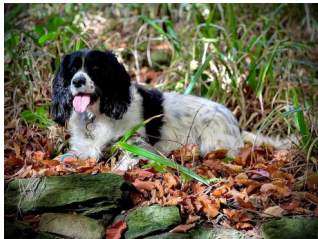
Special mention goes to 'Superwoman' Jane who took on the mammoth task of clearing this huge bed on her own.



On 27th October we were blessed with a beautifully sunny autumn day.

The gardening volunteers focused on the cutting back of brambles and pruning of Hydrangeas and Penstemons, whilst the litter pickers did a sterling job filling more than 7 bags of rubbish.

As always, Harper kept a watchful eye over everyone whilst they worked.



Fundraising for Samaritans

One of our volunteers, Alicia, is hoping you can help to raise money for the Samaritans by going along to an event taking place on **Friday 20 December 2024** at Scarborough Railwayman's Social Club (next to the station).

It starts at 7.30pm and there will be a band, a buffet and a quiz, all for just £7.00.

If you would like to go along tickets are available from the Samaritans shop on Hanover Road between 10am and 2.30pm (usually open Tuesday to Saturday) or, if you are at one of the work parties, Alicia will also have tickets available.

If you want to find out more about this great charity and how you can help, details of the local branch can be found at www.samaritans.org/branches/scarborough

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

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