

# Friends of Valley Gardens

Issue No 67

## **Work parties**

We are going back to monthly work parties for the summer period. The dates are:

Sunday 28 June 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

Sunday 26 July 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

Sunday 23 August, 10.00 am to 12 noon

Sunday 20 September 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

The meeting point is at the top of the drive at No 25 Valley Road - the house with the blue gates.



You may have noticed that a new tree has appeared near the Valley Road bridge.

It is a beautiful cherry tree and was kindly donated to the Gardens by Yorkshire Coast Sight Support (YCSS), a local independent charity supporting people with sight loss across Scarborough, Whitby and Filey.

They rely on donations, grants and fundraising to be able to continue their work. If you want to know more why not check out their website –

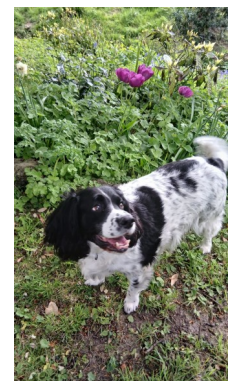
[www.ycss.org.uk](http://www.ycss.org.uk)

A very big 'Thank You' to YCSS. We can't wait to see it blossom.

## **Work in the Gardens**

Our volunteers have been busy over the past couple of months - litter picking, pruning, tidying, clearing brambles and de-heading hydrangeas on the pond border. We even did a combined litter pick and wildflower seedball drop in April!

We are so grateful to everyone for the time and effort they put in to trying to improve the Gardens. And it was good to see Harper back overseeing operations!

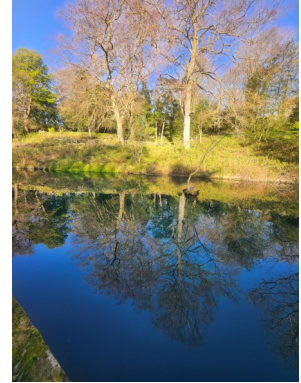


## ***Pond Treatment***

As you know Friends of Scarborough Valley Gardens have been working with North Yorkshire Council Parks and Gardens Team to try and minimise the green duck weed that took over our ponds last year.

A number of microbe based natural treatments have now been added to the pond to try to combat the growth and spread of the duck weed. This gives the water a blue tint.

This treatment will have no effect on the bird or pond life and will not inhibit the growth of any pond plants apart from the duck weed. We have also introduced some additional pond plants into the lower pond which are just starting to grow. These plants will utilise the nutrients, reducing the amount available for the duck weed to thrive.



We are hopeful this mix of methods will reduce the amount of weed to a reasonable balanced level.



Realistically we think total eradication of the pond weed could be impossible and we will be monitoring progress.

But if we can achieve a reduction and a balance of the duck weed we will have moved forward and hope residents and visitors alike continue to enjoy Valley Gardens.

Since the treatment the top pond is definitely much clearer and the ducks seem happy—it's good to see several new additions to the wildlife family.

## ***And finally...***

Unfortunately there has been a spate of vandalism in the Gardens with damage being done to both new noticeboards and the picture display on the Grotto.

It is sad to see the Gardens being spoilt in this way by a small minority of people.

If you do see any vandalism or bad behaviour please report it to the Police. It would also be helpful if you could email us to let us know so that we can assess what needs to be done.

We will, of course, be repairing the damage as soon as we can and will continue to work to improve the Gardens.

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

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