

Friends of Valley Gardens

Issue No 68

Work parties

The dates for the next two work parties are:

Sunday 23 August, 10.00 am to 12 noon

Sunday 20 September 2026, 10.00 am to 12 noon

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

Work in the Gardens

It's been fairly quiet over the past couple of months, with the main focus being on litter picking, and general tidying. As always, we are grateful to everyone for the time and effort they put in to trying to improve the Gardens.



One of the things we are keen to improve, and something which we get asked about a lot, is the accessibility of the Gardens for wheelchairs users and others with mobility issues. Of course, the biggest challenge is the natural topography of the Gardens.

As a first step we are going to arrange for a topographical survey to be done. This will be a review of the steepness/gradients of the paths and allow us to look at what options there might be to make the Gardens more accessible in the future.

Save the Date

It's nearly that time of year again when we hold our Annual General Meeting.

This year it will be on Thursday 22 October 2026. We will send out details on location and speakers nearer the time but it would be great to see as many of you as possible there.

The AGM is an opportunity for anyone who wants to join the Committee to put themselves forward. The formal notices will be going out in October, but if anyone is interested it would be great to hear from you now. Just email: friendsofthevalleygardens@gmail.com

Scarborough 400 Community Village

As you know, we decided to have a stand at the Community Village event in the Ocean Room at the Spa over the Seafest weekend in July. The Village was organised by Animated Objects as part of Scarborough 400 celebrations. It was great to be part of the event along with other community groups such as Yorkshire Coast Sight Support, Rainbow Centre and South Cliff Gardens.

There was also a Lego model of the Spa, a recreation of the Victorian Spa Pump Room in cardboard and even a large paper-mache bather!

We spoke to quite a lot of people, and a few even signed up to find out more about us, and hopefully volunteer with us too. A big Thank You to everyone who took time out to be on the stand over the two days.



Education in the Gardens

Andy and Sara from the [Stepney Hill Eco Project](#) will be clearing the area at the back of the Art Gallery and starting work to create an outdoor learning space in September. They came to our Committee meeting in June so we could explore ways we could collaborate with them in the future to benefit Valley Gardens. The learning space project is one which they have just been given the go ahead for, and we are sure it will make a huge difference to that area.

If anyone is free to help they will be there on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 September. We will let you know times as soon as we have them.

And finally,

Following a visit from the local RHS Ambassador, we are about to undertake a seasonal survey of Valley Gardens and hopefully then progress towards the RHS Britain in Bloom award.

If you have any comments on the Gardens, or any suggested improvements, then send us a message either by email or via our [Contact](#) page on the website.

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

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