

Friends of Scarborough Valley Gardens - Secretary's annual report AGM 22nd October 2026

The FoSVG is now in its 7th year and the volunteer membership continues to provide regular Sunday am work parties to support N Y Council (FoSVG PL Insurance/Risk assessment/1st aid). In line with NYC's own waste policy, the Parks dept have been asked to provide bins with Waste/Recycle options.

Working towards a "Green Flag" . . . since the last AGM . . .

- the FoSVG continue to co-operate on issues with the **"Historic England"** Valley Gardens attractions and general Valley Road environment with North Yorkshire Council Parks and local Councilors with a particular focus this year on the **400th anniversary** celebrations of Scarborough seaside resort attractions. The Grotto (Vernon Rd bridge) now serves as a public notice to provide visitors with information about the **"People's Park"** over the decades.
- the FoSVG campaign for long-lasting **improvements to the lake** by adding chemicals has been a much-appreciated achievement by visitors/local residents . . . including wildlife!! Restoration of the **lake fountain** remains under discussion with Yorkshire Water's current engineering commitment to Scarborough.
- the FoSVG purchased/installed **2 x public notice boards** (Valley Rd and Vernon Road bridge). Although persistent vandalism has been reported to the Police no incident reports have been issued and therefore no insurance claim is possible.
- the FoSVG commissioned a **Disabled Access Route** survey linking the Crescent Villas lawn to Vernon Rd bridge and engaged with the **Stepney Rd Eco-Project** to convert the Art Gallery abandoned pond into a flower bed plus started an annual Valley Gardens assessment to meet the **Royal Horticultural Society "Britain in Bloom"** award standards following an inspection by the local RHS Ambassador. Enquiries are underway with the newly formed **WestWood Academy** to engage with staff/pupils for career opportunities. Enquiries via local Councilors regarding **\$106 funds due from the sale of WestWood College** are also in progress.
- The FoSVG continue to report **Anti-Social Behaviour** eg. fly-tipping, rough sleepers, aggressive dogs, drug syringes, vandalism of the park ornaments, etc. which is ongoing under the current **Public Space Protection Order** as is (a) an agreement with NYC highways to maintain a **30-mph speed** awareness sign on Valley Rd; (b) reporting unsafe walkways (c) possible installation of lighting (d) draining/chemically treating and removing the unsightly weed from the **Mill Pond**; (e) updating notice boards/website (f) creating an **"English Heritage" flower bed** opposite a restored **memorial bench** on the south-side of Valley Gardens with a plaque dedicated to Chris Cooper (former Chair of the FoSVG).

Mick Prince, Secretary

The Friends of Scarborough Valley Gardens					
Year Ended 30th September 2026					
Supplier		Description	Date	£	£
Opening balance			01/10/2025		£5,916.93
Income					
Source	Reference	Description	Date received	Amount	
North Yorkshire Council	10374507	Grant from Cllr Janet Jefferson, Community Fund - contribution towards one noticeboard	23/10/2025	£500.00	
		Total Receipts (inc opening balance)		£500.00	£6,416.93
Expenditure					
Supplier	Reference	Description	Cheque date/Payment date	Amount	Payment method
Hugo Fox	Inv18450-11/9/25	Website	01/10/2025	£2.99	Direct debit
Hugo Fox	Inv19120 -8/10/25	Website	07/11/2025	£2.99	Direct debit
Mr J T Thompson	Invoice	Construction of second noticeboard	26/10/2025	£646.18	BACS
North Yorkshire Council	490130613	Hire of meeting room at Woodend 23/10/25 for Annual General Meeting	07/11/2025	£66.00	BACS
Hugo Fox	Inv20083- 6/11/25	Website	06/12/2025	£2.99	Direct debit
RHS	30447462	RHS affiliation fee renewal	15/12/2025	£47.00	Cheque - 100016
AON Ltd	551952922	Public Liability Insurance	12/01/2026	£80.00	Cheque - 100014
Hugo Fox	Inv21097-12/12/25	Website	12/01/2026	£2.99	Direct debit
Hugo Fox	Inv22116 -13/1/26	Website	11/02/2026	£2.99	Direct debit
Hugo Fox	Inv23223 - 12/2/26	Website	14/03/2026	£2.99	Direct debit
Colin Eastwood	282283005	Reimbursement of aluminium signs for noticeboards - Signomatic	26/02/2026	£67.46	Cheque - 100018
Don French Signs Ltd	Inv 9051	Grotto artwork	03/04/2026	£612.00	Cheque - 100019
Hugo Fox	Inv24459	Website	13/04/2026	£4.79	Direct debit
Hugo Fox	Inv25776	Website	14/05/2026	£4.79	Direct debit
Hugo Fox	Inv27104	Website	11/06/2026	£4.79	Direct debit
Angela Doherty	MCPYH694-421	Reimbursement of bench plaque for Chris Cooper - AwardSmith	15/06/2026	£52.00	Cheque - 100020
Colin Eastwood	12000286202	Reimbursement of replacement perspex for Noticeboards-Plastic Sheets	02/07/2026	£94.53	Cheque 100021
Hugo Fox	Inv28350	Website	12/07/2026	£4.79	Direct debit
Hugo Fox	Inv29551	Website	13/08/2026	£4.79	Direct debit
Hugo Fox	Inv30750	Website	11/09/2026	£4.79	Direct debit
		Total spend		£1,711.85	
		Closing balance	30/09/2026		£4,705.08