

# Friends of Valley Gardens

Newsletter – Mid March 2019

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## Guided Walk

Thanks are due to all those brave and hardy souls who joined 'Friends of Valley Gardens' for the Tree Walk with Roger and Sheila – and stayed through an increasingly cold and wet hour. Whilst we may not remember all the Latin names that Roger gave us, the walk has probably given all of us a much greater appreciation of what is to be found in the gardens. We will all look at the trees with renewed interest and understanding.

Huge thanks are due to Roger and Sheila for their specialist input and especially for their thoughtfulness in arranging to have high-vis vests created with the group's name emblazoned on the back. The vests made the group seem solid and real.

Thank you to Ani at the Buddhist Centre for her hospitality and welcoming in some very wet and cold volunteers for tea and coffee (and cake!).

It was really pleasing to welcome some new faces to the group. Please continue to spread the word and encourage friends and neighbours to come along to our events.

Our next event is a litter-pick. Let us hope that the weather is a little kinder to us.

## Sunday

### March 24<sup>th</sup>

## Litter-picking

Meet 10.30am at  
the duck pond on  
Valley Road.

## Oil in the Pond

It may be of interest to the group that on Monday lunchtime there was a tanker parked by the pond. When questioned, the man in charge said that they were removing the oil from the surface of the pond. It is difficult to judge how much was achieved but at least some attempt is being made to clean the pond.



The Lily Pond below the main pond was a later addition to the gardens. This postcard (postmarked 1911) shows the area when it was flower beds