

Friends of South Cliff Gardens



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The £5 million grant to transform Scarborough's South Cliff Gardens has been approved!

The Heritage Lottery Fund announced on 15th January 2019 that we have been successful with our bid for £5M so we will now enter the final stage of what seems like a very long journey. In 2012 the Friends of South Cliff Gardens made a presentation to Scarborough Councillors to voice our concern that the Gardens were at a tipping point. We pressed them to apply for a Parks for People grant of £5M and received their support for the project. It wasn't until 2016 that we got the green light and we started the project in earnest. Right from the start it was clear that we needed to demonstrate strong community support and there was a great deal of consultation to find out what people wanted from the restoration work.

Then in the middle of 2018 the Saving South Cliff Gardens fund raising appeal was launched to show the Heritage Lottery Fund that there was local support for this project. David Auton, Chair of South Cliff Community Group led on this project and must be congratulated because in a very short period of time we had £116K! This really demonstrated that this was a community led project and worthy of support.

Now the money has been allocated, Southern Green under the direction of Vicky Thompson the Scarborough Borough Council Officer will begin the implementation stage. This will include restoration of the paths, retaining walls, railings, drainage, the Italian Gardens, a new Operational centre, a play area, improvements to access in the gardens by the opening of the tunnel under the Cliff Lift and most importantly major horticultural improvements.

Thanks to all the people who buy Lottery tickets and all the Scarborough community groups that have made this possible.

Prince of Wales Fountain Project.

The pond is now being repaired and restored. To complete the project the fountain will be installed and this will really enhance this area of the gardens.

Rose Garden

During the winter the Gardeners have done work to improve the quality of the soil in the flower beds and we hope that this will improve the general health of the roses and provide a good display during the summer months.

Volunteers

Volunteers in Parks is every **Wednesday weather permitting**, meeting behind the Rose Garden at the Gardeners depot at 10 a.m. We usually work until 12 noon. Garden tools are supplied, but please bring your own gloves.

The next litter-picks will be **Saturday, 16th February, and Saturday 16th March**, meeting in the Rose Garden at 10 a.m. and ending at 12 noon.

Litter-picks take place the **third Saturday** of every month, weather permitting.

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