



SAVING SOUTH CLIFF GARDENS

Monthly Update June 2019

***Hello and welcome to
the South Cliff Gardens
Monthly Update!***

*Here we will share all the most
recent news from the South Cliff*

**South Cliff
Community Group**



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SEASONAL SIGHTINGS

What you have spotted in the last month



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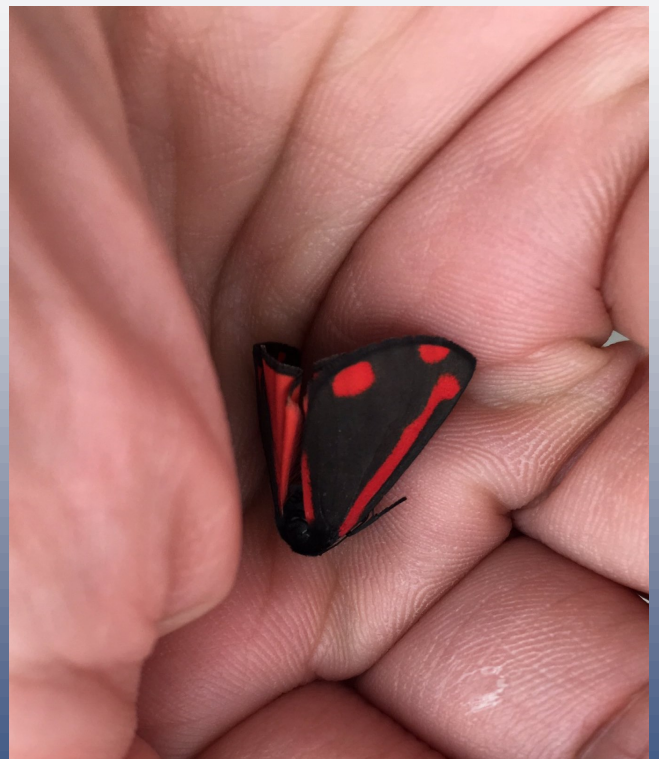
I'm no gardener but I do appreciate all the hard work that goes into Scarborough's Parks and Gardens!

Alan Jackson on twitter sent us this brilliant picture of the crane on the South Cliff. The crane is being used to distribute soil across the stabilisation area.

The Friends Group says: "It's a busy time in the gardens with the change from spring bedding to summer bedding. The weather has been rather wet for gardening but at least the plants have liked it. It's always good to see positive comments on Facebook about the Italian Gardens, thank you Faith."

The Yorkshire branch of Butterfly Conservation, which records and conserves butterflies, moths and their habitats across Yorkshire identified this stunner, found in the South Cliff Gardens, as a Cinnabar moth - <https://butterfly-conservation.org/moths/cinnabar>

Thank you for your help!



Friends of South Cliff Gardens



The above photo features Adrian Perry receiving a cheque for £200 from Tom Tomlinson and Alan Hargreaves from Scarborough Freemasons Denison Lodge. The generous gift will go to the "Saving South Cliff Gardens" fund.

To the right is a photo of a National Lottery Heritage Fund meeting where the group discussed the details of the implementation of the Saving South Cliff Gardens project scheduled to start next year. Thank you to all who attended.





19 June was a terrible rainy day for our stalwart group of volunteers working in the South Cliff Gardens.

Pictured to the right is Tania from Germany on a one week holiday in Scarborough. Wonderful that she chose to come and help with the garden, sorry about the weather!

SouthernGreen

Here's what Southern Green and their team have been working on in May/June.....

- ◆ Finalising the design for the New Operational Depot
 - ◆ Proposals for the pre-contract tree works
- ◆ Reviewing the reinstatement design for the Spa Stabilisation Project
 - ◆ Carrying out bat surveys
- ◆ Reviewing the Access improvements across site
- ◆ Developing the lighting and services plan across site
 - ◆ Creating a survey plan for the shelters
 - ◆ Updating the programme and cost plan

Well done team!

PROJECT OFFICER BLOG

This month, let's talk about trees, an ever controversial subject!

We all know how important trees are for the environment, communities, our health and wellbeing and the economy. Their ability to clean the air, combat climate change, provide oxygen, reduce noise and even crime, help prevent water pollution, soil erosion and provide habitat for an array of wildlife makes trees a welcome addition to any community space. However when planted in the wrong place and not managed correctly, trees can become unruly and often unwanted by some.

There are more than 400 trees in the South Cliff Gardens all of which, through no fault of their own, need a bit of attention as they have been left to their own devices for a number of years.

One of the most magical aspects of the South Cliff Gardens for me is the fact that when you walk along the top of the Esplanade and look down you get a very special glimpse of that often hidden world of the tree top canopy and its unique ecosystem. Although this for a horticulturalist and a wildlife lover is breath-taking, I understand that in places where the trees have got out of hand this blocks the views of the sea, stunning South Bay and Scarborough Castle. These views are protected, have heritage significance and need reinstating. Last year our design consultant's team (Southern Green) carried out extensive research into the trees, looking at their health, wildlife value, age, quality, horticultural curiosity and their history. Interestingly many of the trees were planted originally by Paxton for their health and wellbeing qualities; he felt that the scent from pines would have an aromatherapy effect on the gardens' visitors. Alongside this my team asked the local community what their thoughts were on the trees and the majority of people expressed a need for the gardens to be opened up to become more welcoming. Some people would like the views reinstated and some people were passionate about keeping the tree removal to an absolute minimum.

The information gathered will inform the proposed tree works. Our aim is to remove any dead, diseased or dying trees, reduce overcrowded trees where necessary to open up the canopy a little and reduce the dark unwelcoming environment and improve tree health. We have to be careful not to remove too many trees at once as this might create wind tunnels and potentially lead to a domino effect on the other trees and of course we absolutely do not want to have any negative impact on the current wildlife living in our gardens. Reinstatement of the heritage views across the site will take place; this will involve crown reduction (lowering the height of trees) and some tree removal in places, however all trees with high wildlife and heritage value will be kept and trees that are interesting from a horticultural point of view will also be retained. It is council policy to plant a tree every time one is removed so we will plant trees that do not grow to a large height and have additional wildlife value to try to boost the local biodiversity.

This month we have been focussing on producing a tree works plan to encompass all of the above and try to get the balance right across the site, I must admit it's not an easy task. Once the tree proposals are produced we will publish them for viewing.

We are hoping to carry out initial tree works in the correct season at the end of this year before the works start on site next spring.

I hope this explains our plans for the trees a little but feel free to get in touch if you'd like any further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR ELEVENTH YEAR



ARMED FORCES
DAY

**SATURDAY
29 JUNE 2019**

**10.00 - 17.00
SOUTH BAY
SCARBOROUGH
YO11 1PB**



RAF Typhoon Display
BBMF Spitfire Display
RAF Tucano Display
Calidus Autogyro
RNLI Display Manoeuvres

Sea Cadets Centenary
Marching Band Parades
Vintage Fair – all things 1940s
Standards & Veterans Parade
Family Fun activities

Library Vintage Tea Party at 12 noon

All events subject to weather, alterations or cancellations
Typhoon image courtesy of Claire Hartley Photography



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We are recruiting for a new Community Engagement Officer!

Tell your friends

Salary: £24,313 - £26,317 per annum

Post to commence 7 October 2019 to 31 March 2024

An exciting vacancy has arisen for a Community Engagement Officer to join the Parks for People "Saving South Cliff Gardens" National Lottery Heritage Fund project. The Council received a Stage 2 pass from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in April 2019 and has been awarded a Delivery grant to restore the gardens.

The main duties of the posts will be to co-ordinate, develop, manage and deliver the Parks for People project activity plan at the South Cliff Gardens, Scarborough. Develop a creative and annual program of exciting events and activities within the Gardens to engage with a wide range of audiences. Co-ordinate the recruitment and leadership of volunteers, create an environment where everyone is welcome and barriers for involvement in the gardens and their activities are non-existent. Mentor existing volunteers, support and encourage their personal development to keep them engaged in meaningful activities.

It is anticipated that this will be a 4.5 year project with a fixed term contract.

For more information and to apply online, go to <https://www.scarborough.gov.uk/jobs>



Saving South Cliff Gardens Benches Appeal



Across Scarborough's South Cliff Gardens there are more than 300 memorial benches commemorating the many people and families who, over the years, have fallen in love with Scarborough's South Bay. People from across the world have taken out leases for benches to lay down their legacy within the stunning setting of the South Cliff Gardens but throughout the years some information about these leases has regrettably been lost.

The Scarborough South Cliff Community is appealing for people to come forward and claim their memorial benches. We would like to unlock these hidden personal connections and reinstate their place within the South Cliff Gardens.

In March this year Scarborough Borough Council and the local community were awarded a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to renovate the South Cliff Gardens. The proposed work will include refurbishing some of the benches, and tidying up around some of them to reinstate the stunning views. The modern metal benches will be replaced with heritage equivalent designed benches to be more holistic within the special Victorian landscape.

If you have a lease for a bench within the South Cliff Gardens or on the Esplanade, we'd love to hear from you. We'd like to hear your stories and hidden social connections and get your input. In return, we will keep you in the loop about our plans for the site and what will happen to your benches.

Please get in touch with us via the contact page at the end of this newsletter.

CONTACT US

Please get in touch

If you're interested in getting involved in the project, would like to know more or you have a great idea, fabulous painting of the South Cliff or an interesting photo, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us....

The more people involved the merrier!

Data Gathering

Painting a picture of what the garden looks like now is really important so that we can demonstrate that all the hard work being carried out by our community has made an impact.

We are gathering data through our online visitor survey, visitor interviews and counts, collecting people's stories, wildlife sightings & surveys and old photographs, looking at archives and artworks.

You can find the link to our online survey here:

bit.ly/SCGVisitorSurvey2018

Website: <http://friendsofsouthcliffgardens.com/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/southcliffgardens

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Find out more about the Heritage Lottery Fund here:

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/about-us>

