

## NEWS

**Awards: Royal meeting is icing on cake for volunteers**

# Exciting time for the Friends of Valley Gardens

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**It's proving to be a good autumn for the Friends Of Valley Gardens who have received several awards, financial and otherwise.**

In Yorkshire In Bloom's Its Your Neighbourhood category, the Friends were graded "outstanding" with praise for their fundraising achievements.

Then the Friends were awarded £1,000 from the Duke Of York Community Initiative Award towards the installation of a sensory garden in the Peat Garden adjacent to the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room.

This was presented personally by the Duke Of York



**Anne Grange, treasurer of Friends Of Valley Gardens, and husband Robert met HRH Duke of York. (S)**

at an awards ceremony in Bridlinton where the FOVG's treasurer Anne Grange and her husband Robert were in

attendance.

As if that wasn't enough, Harrogate In Bloom also awarded the Friends Of Valley

Gardens the Larchfield Manor Trophy to its volunteer gardening team.

Tony Sissons received the Mayor's Trophy at the same ceremony for 20 years, partly for being leader of the Friends Of Valley Gardens volunteer gardening team.

Following this the Friends received £3,000 from the Harrogate Borough Council an Arts and Heritage Award towards the restoration of the exterior of the Pump Room.

This Saturday, the Friends are holding a Refreshment Day at St Peter's Church in Harrogate at with the proceeds going towards the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room and adjacent Peat Garden.

The event runs from 10am-4pm.

For more information, visit [www.friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk](http://www.friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk)