



Issue November

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## *FOVG Valley Gardens Watch during the Covid19 restrictions*



*This Month as we approach another lockdown we enjoy the wonderful trees in the garden and look forward to Spring 2021 and the 21 new varieties of daffodils which have been planted (see article by Sue Wood on page 2) and we have another poem from Barbara Stone. 'Written in November'*

### **WRITTEN IN NOVEMBER**

**Now, most of summer's blossoms fade and die,  
and mounds of brittle leaves carpet the earth;  
a bed of roses forms a pastel glow  
and shines above a hardened stretch of turf.**

**They range from apricot to palest gold,  
their moulded petals sprayed with rain or dew;  
surviving wind and frost, defying cold,  
their fragrant, fragile beauty still shines through.**

**Yet, soon their glory must approach its end,  
their colours fade, their petals shrivel, die;  
till nature, in her timeless reign will send  
new life to every plant beneath the sky.**

**Barbara Stone**





Sue Wood & Cllr Stuart Martin



Daffodil Fields at Scamps Nurseries Falmouth  
images of field and varieties courtesy of Adrian Scamp:



Getting down to it!

*Planting 21 varieties of New Zealand Bred Daffodils in Valley Gardens, Harrogate 20/10/20*

*Sue Wood Head of Horticulture HBC*

Harrogate Borough Council was offered a grant by the Linden Trust in August 2020. With help from the Northern Daffodil Society it was suggested to use the money to buy a selection of New Zealand bred daffodils to be planted close to the New Zealand garden. Ron and Adrian Scamp have been very helpful in sourcing and suggesting a selection of varieties from their company, of which we chose 21. Planting took place on a beautiful autumn morning on 20<sup>th</sup> October in the grass area next to the New Zealand Garden in Valley Gardens. The Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate Cllr Stuart and April Martin, Ann Beeby from Friends of Valley Gardens came to help Simon, Paula and Sue.

The varieties planted are below and should flower between April/May 2021 creating a beautiful display for spring in the Valley Gardens.

BALDOCK, COUNTDOWN, DEAR LOVE, DEMAND, EGMONT KING, GOOD FELLA, KIWI SUNSET, LEMON HAZE, RED EMBER, SALUTE, SEA DREAM, SWEET MEMORY, BANK ROLL, CAMEO MIST, JANELLE, KAPITI TALISMAN, CAMEO FRILLS, DOWNLAND, KIWI MAGIC, LITTLE JEWELL, HAWERA



CAMEO ANGEL (Cameo Mist has a full yellow trumpet),



KAPITI TALISMAN,



COUNTDOWN



BALDOCK

*As we approach another month of lockdown the garden will be critical for our wellbeing and the view from our window will become important once again. I am lucky with mine! .....We would be happy to see yours.*

