

## **Japanese Garden Restoration Project report for AGM 2017/2018**

I am delighted to report strong progress with the Japanese Garden project during the last year. This is due to excellent work and cooperation between Friends of Valley Gardens, Harrogate Borough Council and all three main contractors; TWS Contractors UK, Treesaw, and Johnny Clasper stonemason. Together with the members of the Japanese Garden Society and Friends of Valley Gardens volunteers who have contributed in excess of 1200 hours of volunteer labour to the project with a value equivalent of over £24,000. My grateful thanks are due to everyone for their hard work.

We have now received 90% of the Heritage Lottery grant, the final 10% is due on completion of an evaluation report during 2019. Currently the balance in our account is £11,000. The Community elements of our plan, working with three schools, are also on course.

During 2018/19 we will complete the planting and hold themed events and activities.

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