

Friends of Valley Gardens Meeting 25 Nov 2010



Agenda – 25 Nov 2010

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held 7 October 2010 – to confirm as an accurate record.**
- 4. Matters Arising (that are not major agenda items)**
- 5. Report and updates from the Chair**
 - 5.1 Status of repair of pathway lights**
 - 5.2 Toilet signs – suggested locations for new or modified signs**
 - 5.3 Updated Orientation maps / plans**
 - 5.4 Police contact number on “No Football Signs” in Sun Parlours**
 - 5.5 Revised pamphlet status**
 - 5.6 Briefing / Information pack for volunteer helpers**
 - 5.7 Current membership update**

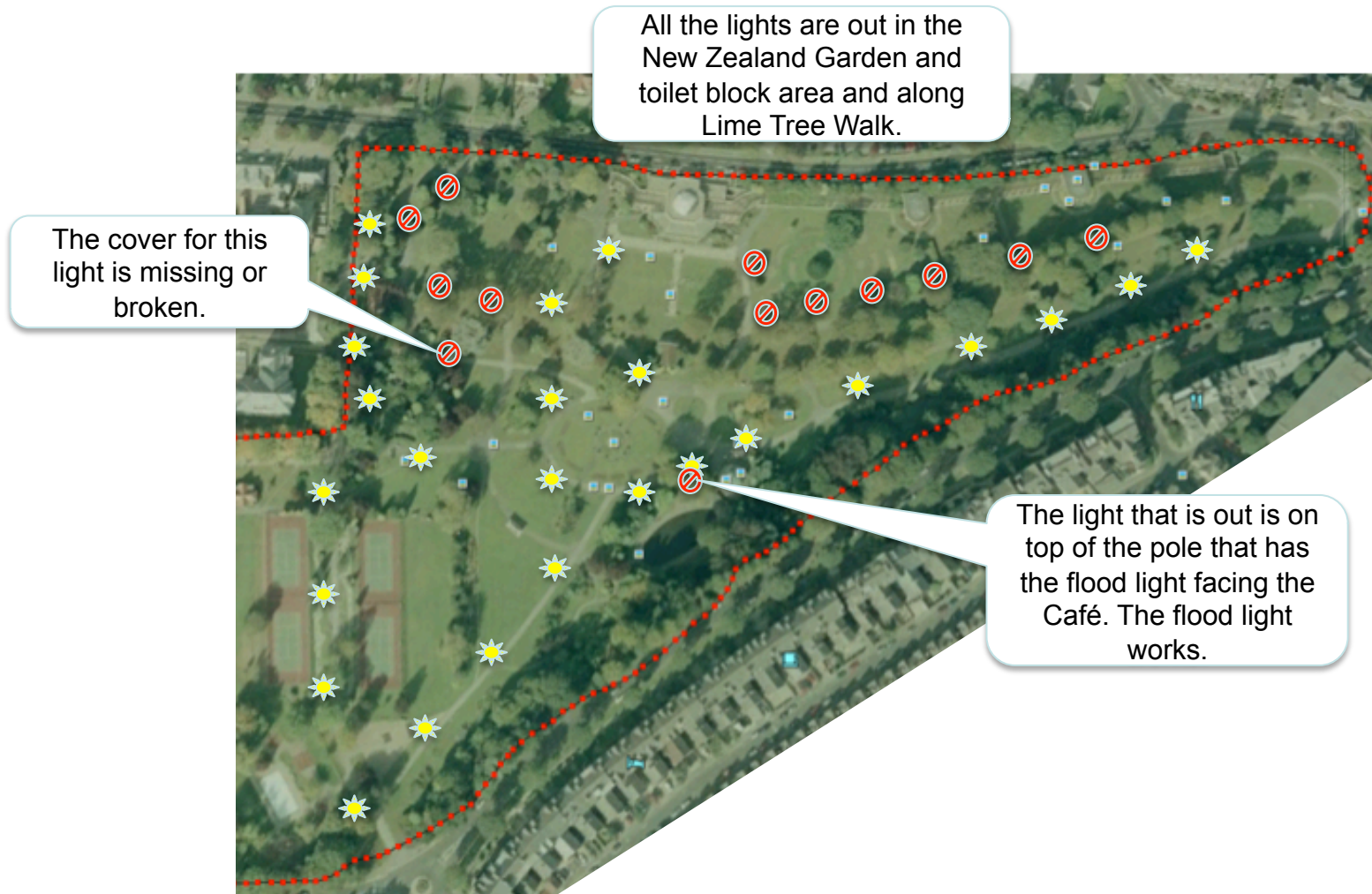
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- 6. Report and updates from HBC**
 - 6.1 Repair of remaining pathway lights currently not working**
 - 6.2 Skate / BMX park planning cycle and report on public comments**
 - 6.3 Gates at Bandstand**
 - 6.4 Repairs to Sun Parlour ceilings**
 - 6.5 Graffiti clean up in Sun Parlour and on doors to lower Sun Pavilion**
 - 6.6 Continuation of removal of the Maze**
 - 6.7 Removal of pillar at Green Park Entrance**
 - 6.8 Review of locations and sizes of litter bins**
- 7. Treasurers report on current financial status**
- 8. Introduction of “Easy Fundraising” Web Based Purchasing**
- 9. Christmas Wreath Fundraising Project**
- 10. Establishment of Gardening Volunteer Group**

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- 11. Information relative to nominations for President.**
- 12. Creation of sub-committee to schedule speakers for FOVG meetings**
- 13. Old Magnesia Well Pump Room – update on fundraising and consultation**
- 14. Questions from the Community**
Why is the Sun Pavilion so expensive?
- 15. Any Other Business (please notify either the Chair or Secretary of any items prior to the meeting)**
- 16. Date of Next Meeting**

Status of Lights in Valley Gardens as of 31 Oct 2010



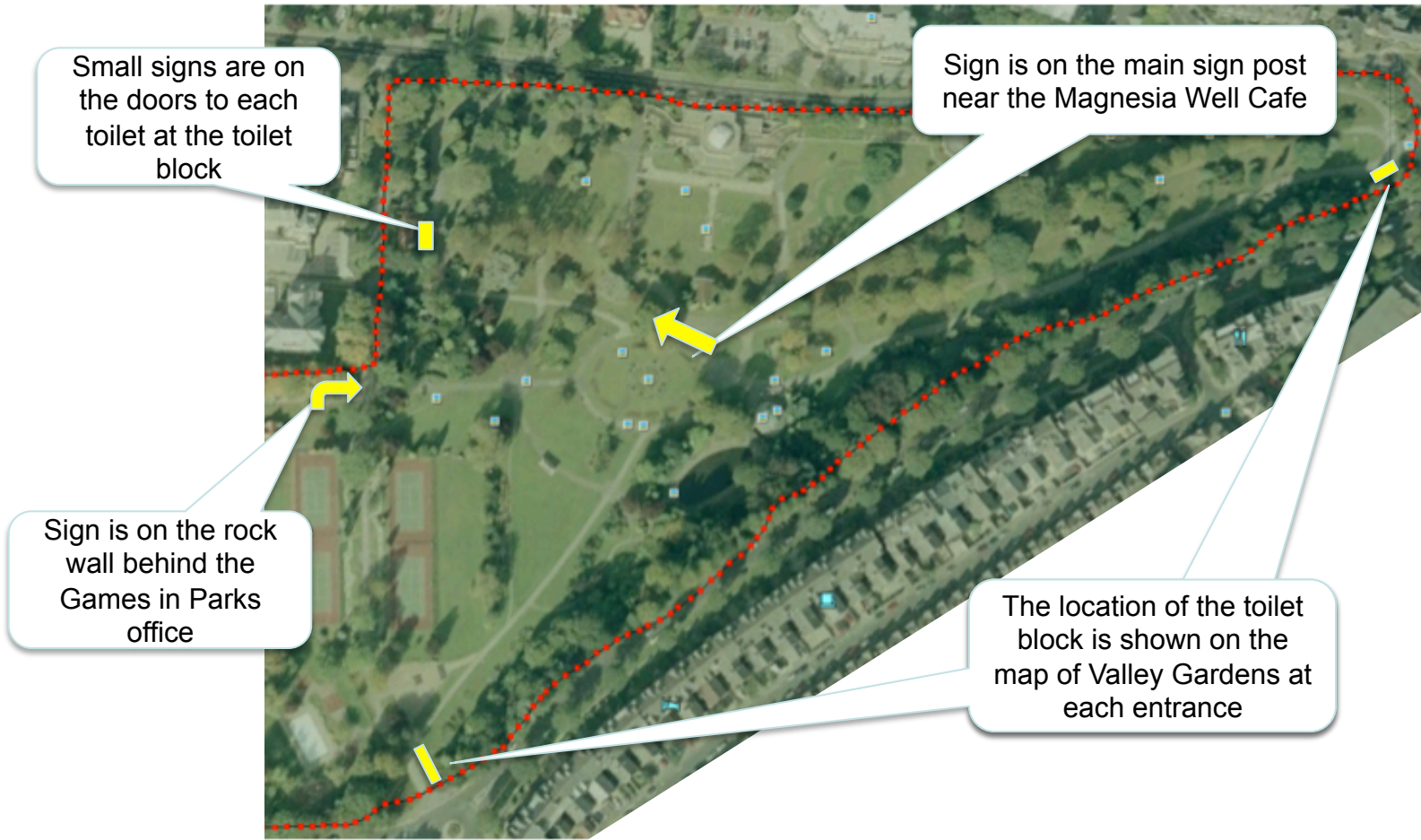
☀ = 25 lights work (including 1 flood light)

⊘ = 13 lights do not work
(locations are approximate)

Status of Lights in Valley Gardens as of 5 Nov 2010 And Definition of Slippery Areas



Location of Toilet Signs in Valley Gardens



Status of Revised Pamphlet

- Proof received from printer
- Resolution not good enough to print
- Solution being investigated

Joining Friends of Valley Gardens

By becoming a member, you will:

- assist/influence projects relating to the preservation and maintenance of Valley Gardens
- receive invitations to meetings, events and lectures connected with Friends of Valley Gardens
- be kept informed of opportunities to become directly involved in Valley Gardens including gardening activities

Everything you need to know about joining Friends of Valley Gardens is contained on our website at:

www.friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk

If you would like to contact us, please send a letter to our Secretary at:

**Secretary, Friends of Valley Gardens,
54 Swinton Ct,
Harrogate HG2 6BB**

or send us an email at:
info@friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk

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Friends of Valley Gardens

Harrogate's Award-Winning Park

In 2009, Valley Gardens was declared "Best public park in the United Kingdom" by RHS Britain in Bloom.

Valley Gardens in Harrogate is an English Heritage Grade II Listed park. It includes a wide array of floral displays, as well as open parkland and recreational facilities. It is believed that a greater number of mineral springs come to the surface in Valley Gardens than in any other location on earth, with no two being alike.

To learn more, visit us on our website at:
www.friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk

**Friends of Valley Gardens (FOVG)
Standing Order Mandate**

Form fields on the left page include: Name, Address, Post Code, Telephone, Email, Signature, Date, Account Number, Sort Code, and Payment details.

Current and Future Projects

Friends of Valley Gardens are currently developing projects and ideas to enhance the Park. Our efforts involve fundraising, labour, creativity, and our coordinating and organising skills. We invite you to join us.

“Old Magnesia Well Information Centre and Gardens”

We are currently raising funds to restore the Grade II listed Old Magnesia Well Pump Room and to

create an educational centre within depicting the history of Valley Gardens and showing its link to



Harrogate. The building, built in 1858, has in its lifetime housed both the pump for the adjacent Magnesia “Corporation” Museum”. For many years it has been closed to the public.



The dense vegetation surrounding the building is to be replaced with more appropriate planting. Pathways and interpretive panels



will link the building and the adjacent wellheads including the two restored by the Civic Society in

2003. On completion of the project, FOVG will inaugurate historical tours of Valley Gardens to raise funds to maintain the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room and render the project cost neutral.

Future Projects - “Woodland Walk”

As a future project, we plan to create a Woodland Walk on the south side of the stream, in the area formerly known as the “Rockery”. This area is currently not accessible to the public and is badly overgrown. The project will include new planting, which will open up the stream and create peaceful and shaded viewpoints. It will provide an entirely different feeling from the more developed and formal areas of the Gardens.

By joining Friends of Valley Gardens you can help us to make these projects a reality. To find out more, visit our web site at:

www.friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk



Friends of Valley Gardens Membership Form

Please check the type of membership you would like:

- Individual membership: £5
- Household membership: £7
- Youth membership (age 13- 19): £2
- Organisational membership: £10

Our membership year runs from 1 Jan–31 Dec.

Name: _____
(as it will appear on your membership card)

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please provide an email address to help save on postage

You can pay either by cheque made out to:

“Friends of Valley Gardens”,
or, preferably, by creating a Standing Order Mandate through your bank using the form on the reverse of this page.

Donations are also greatly appreciated!

Please send this form & your cheque to:
**Secretary, Friends of Valley Gardens,
54 Swinton Ct,
Harrogate HG2 0BB**

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Graffiti in Sun Parlour After Cleaning – 31 Oct 2010



Easy Fundraising

- Raise funds for FOVG while you shop on the web
- Great way to raise funds – and it is free!

What is easyfundraising?

“easyfundraising” is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores including Amazon, eBay, Marks and Spencer, Argos, Next, Debenhams, John Lewis, Toys R Us, HMV and many others. When you shop using the unique Friends of Valley Gardens easyfundraising site, FOVG will receive a donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make.

How does it work? You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you register for free on the FOVG easyfundraising web page and use the links from this page to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to FOVG at no extra cost to you.

How much can you raise?

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith raises £2.00 and so on. Over 2,000 retailers are available on the site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

Save money too! Not only can you raise money for FOVG, but you could also save money on your purchases as many retailers offer discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' exclusive to easyfundraising.

How do I sign up?

All you need to do is visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/valleygardens> and follow the instructions for registering. Please verify that you will be supporting **Friends of Valley Gardens - Harrogate**. It's completely free to register and you won't pay a penny more for your shopping when you use the easyfundraising site.

If you shop online anyway then why not raise valuable funds for us by using this fantastic scheme.

Easy Search

Search the Web and Raise Funds for FOVG



You can also raise funds for FOVG when you search the Web using “easysearch”.

By using easysearch, instead of Google or any other search engine, FOVG will be credited with a small payment for every search you make. Just like easyfundraising, it’s completely free to use.

Easysearch uses innovative search technology to combine the strengths of several major search providers including Yahoo! Ask.com, Bing and more. It brings you extremely relevant and accurate search results from across the Web and simultaneously allows you to earn money for FOVG. For every search you perform, half a penny is raised for Friends of Valley Gardens. Search just 15 times a day and you could raise around £25 a year. Our unique easysearch page can be found at <http://valleygardens.easysearch.org.uk/>. Simply bookmark this page as your search tool and you are one click away from helping FOVG every time you search.

Christmas Wreath Fundraising Project

- Doreen Edwards proposed a project to raise funds for FOVG by making and selling Christmas decorations.
- HBC agreed to allow her to use the Nursery facility to make the decorations and the nursery staff will assist in selling them for us at no charge
- FOVG to receive 50% of the profits!
- HBC will permit FOVG to sell the decorations from a marquee in Valley Gardens – volunteers needed



Sample Wreath



Sample Wreath



**Friends of Valley Gardens
Christmas Decorations
Price List**

- **Wreaths: from £9.00 – £20.00**
 - **Holly Wreath: £9.00**
 - **Door Wreath: £10.00**
 - **Spruce Door Wreath: £15.00**
- **Cross: £15.00**
- **Table Decorations: from £9.00 - £20.00**

Update on Nominations for President

The following nominations have been received:-

- **Prince Charles**
- **Matthew Wilson**
- **Barron Willis of Knaresborough**
- **Alan Titchmarsh**

Committee accepted the action to assemble a resume of each

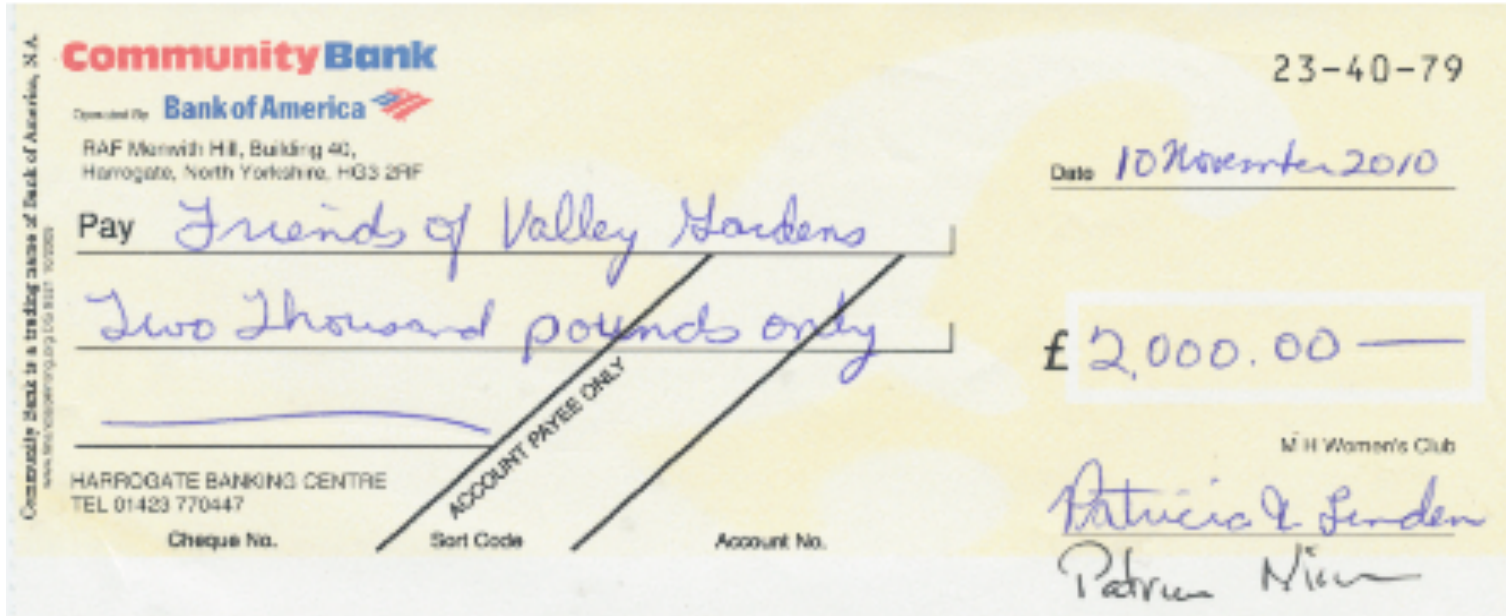
- **Status: not complete. Deferred until Jan meeting**
- **Note: Alan Titchmarch was given a FOVG pamphlet at his recent presentation. (Thanks Sheila!)**

Old Magnesia Well Educational Centre and Gardens

Fundraising and Consultation Progress

- **£3,000 in grants received**
- **Consultant brief issued and estimate received**
 - **HBC will report on proposal**
- **Grant to NYCC for £1,000 requested**
- **Examination of other funding sources in progress**

Web Site Page Structure



- Many thanks to the Menwith Hill Community Heartbeat for their very generous donation

Old Magnesia Well Educational Centre and Gardens Aspirational Project Schedule

