



Lily Bright-McCallum hands a bouquet of flowers to the Mayoress, Vanessa Hoult, as she opens the gardens along with the Mayor, Coun Bill Hoult, garden owner Pat Clarke and Jane Blayney, vice chairman of the Friends of Valley Gardens. (S)

Open garden event raises £604 for well's refurbishment

MORE than 100 people supported Friends of Valley Gardens by attending an open garden event.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate, Coun Bill Hoult and his wife Vanessa, officially opened the day, which made £604 in total.

The money will go towards the refurbishment of the Magnesia Well, as well as an information and education centre in the Valley Gardens.

As well as enjoying Pat Clarke's award-winning garden in Brunswick Drive, Harrogate, visitors bought plants from Pickering Nurseries and homemade cakes and teas were on offer.

Jane Blayney, vice-chairman of the group, said: "I would like to thank Pat on behalf of the Friends of Valley Gardens, all the members, volunteers who assisted on the day

and the visitors who were so generous.

"In these stringent times, it will be difficult to raise the funds to both refurbish and enhance the award-winning Valley Gardens to the standard it deserves. The Friends of Valley Gardens will do their best to fulfill their mission to raise the required funds."