

# **SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – 11 May 2017**

## **Queen's Gardens**

### **Friends of Queen's Garden group:**

Approximately 20 residents and members of the Queen's Gardens Committee met on 18 April . The meeting expressed strong support for the proposal to form a 'Friends of Queen's Garden' group. There was agreement that such a group should not only advise on the restoration and future management of the gardens but should also participate in the Council's decisions. It has been suggested that members of the group could be co-opted onto the Council's Queen's Gardens Committee – such co-options are provided for in para. 4b of the Council's Standing Orders. The meeting is requested to agree, in principle, to such an arrangement.

A further meeting of the residents was scheduled for 9 May to discuss the objectives and constitution of a 'Friends' group and how it should relate to the Parish Council.

### **Hilary Taylor's Report:**

Hilary Taylor's draft report has been circulated (electronically) to members of the Queen's Garden Committee and to all those who attended the 'Friends' meeting. A paper copy has been deposited in the Parish Council office at 72 Main Street.

Hilary Taylor will make some minor amendments and the final report will then be circulated to all members of the Parish Council and a copy placed on the Council's website.

The report is an essential pre-requisite of any further approach to the Heritage Lottery Fund or other bodies if funding is to be assembled to enable restoration/conservation works to be undertaken.

The Queen's Garden Committee will meet in due course to consider the next steps (in liaison with the 'Friends' group).