

SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – 10 August 2017

Queen's Gardens

Friends of Queen's Garden group:

The Friends have formed a 'Gardening Group' and are keen to undertake some general maintenance work (such as removing brambles from hedges and grass cutting) as soon as possible. The Group has planned a 'walk around' on 9 August to discuss this in greater detail.

The Clerk to the Council has received confirmation from the Council's insurers that volunteers working at the gardens are covered by the Council's policy, provided they have access to appropriate tools, protective clothing etc.

The Friends have arranged for a visit to the gardens by Hilary Taylor on **12 September at 3.00pm** in order that guidance might be given on maintenance/management works that might be undertaken without compromising the historical integrity of the gardens.

Hilary Taylor's Report and possible bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund:

The final version of the report (incorporating some minor amendments) has been placed on the Council's website. A paper copy has been deposited in the Parish Council office at 72 Main Street.

The report is an essential pre-requisite of any further approach to the Heritage Lottery Fund if funding is to be assembled to enable restoration/conservation works to be undertaken. If possible, the initial enquiry should be submitted within the next few months with a view to, hopefully, securing a visit to Sedbergh of the relevant officer of the HLF before the onset of winter. A positive response would enable a formal bid to be submitted in the Spring of 2018.

Cllr Lancaster's discussion with South Lakeland District Council's Culture, Arts & Events Officer indicates that support might be forthcoming from SLDC.

Dog Fouling:

A member of the Friends Group has suggested the need for signs to be erected by the Council to address the issue of dog fouling within the gardens.

Perhaps something like this would suffice? ⇒



Gardener/Handyperson vacancy:

Applications received will be considered under Part II of the meeting.