

Notes from a Volunteer Gardener June - October 2017

June cont. Herbaceous planting was tidied & dead-headed in borders & rockeries. Much rain to end the month.

July. Wind & rain resulted in loss of gardening hours at the start of the month. Climbers were tied in with particular attention to the climbing roses which flowered & grew prolifically. The clematis needed less attention once flowering started. Bagdale rockery was weeded, also aquilegia rockery. Edging off started in earnest for Yorkshire in Bloom judging and work was carried out at the lily pool, & herbaceous planting cut back where it had gone over. Roses were dead-headed. The judging route was given particular attention in the preceding 10 days with the team working extra hours. And 2 weeks later we did it all again for Britain in Bloom judging. The park was presented to a very high standard on both occasions.

August. The Community Garden & The South Seas Garden were weeded & tidied, new wisteria trained & herbaceous planting cut back where finished. Climbers were tended throughout the month & irises tidied up. The Rose Garden was spruced up for Pannett Day & work continued on St. Hilda's Terrace border. The Community Garden continued to crop well. Weeding at the Lily Pool was carried out & we welcomed new volunteer Caroline to the group. Play area planting was tidied & weeded.

September. Throughout the month dead herbaceous matter was cut back & general weeding carried out. Jurassic & Community Gardens were weeded & tidied, & work started on pruning the climbing roses. Main gates rockery & twin rockeries were weeded. We welcomed new volunteer Nigel to the park.

October. Pruning of climbing roses was completed, rose beds weeded, herbaceous planting cut back & work on Jubilee Gate border started with weeding & pruning. Summer bedding was pulled.

Thanks as usual to Keith & Chris for their continuing support.

Vols. hours for 2017: 1096, & since 2005:16,574.