

# FRIENDS OF OLD DURHAM GARDENS

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friend

Since the last newsletter, work has continued on finalising the organisational arrangements of the friends group. We are in the process of agreeing access arrangements for the gardens with Durham County Council and making applications to various community funds for the purchase of tools and materials.

One of the aims of the Friends Group is to publicise the Gardens to residents of Durham and to visitors.

On 9th October, Colin Jubb, Treasurer of the Friends Group gave a talk on the history of Old Durham Gardens and the formation of the Friends Group to members of Durham City Trust.

The Apple Fest held in Clayport Library on Saturday 16th October provided an ideal opportunity to publicise the Friends Group. The exhibition, showing the objectives of the group and its activities, attracted wide ranging interest which resulted in the recruitment of a number of new members.



National Apple Day on Thursday, 21st October was marked by an organised walk from Clayport Library to Old Durham Gardens led by David Butler. The traditional orchards at the gardens made this an ideal destination. Adam Offler a Friend of Old Durham Gardens, produced a leaflet detailing the various apple varieties growing in the gardens and their history.

## Forthcoming Events



**Saturday 13th and  
Sunday 14th  
November**

A start is to be made on the herbaceous border, lifting and dividing the plants, something that has not been done since it was first planted. Bulbs and plants have also been donated from various sources.



In **December** (date to be agreed) a hedge of mixed native species is to be planted along the southern boundary. The plants have been donated by the Woodland Trust and Groundworks Durham have kindly offered to prepare the planting area in advance.

There is also the possibility in **December** of an event in the walled garden with mulled wine, mince pies and a brass band to get us into the festive spirit.

In **February** it is hoped to share an event with the Friends of Flass Vale on grafting fruit trees.

## Donations

A donation of a £100 has been gratefully received from Durham City Trust.

If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer or simply coming along to one of our working parties contact:

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