

Press Release

Oxenhope Rose Garden to bloom again!

Oxenhope Parish Council are delighted to have secured funding of just over £9,500 from the Ovenden Wind Farm Fund. This will be used to transform the Rose Garden. There will be six new benches, a new welcome to Oxenhope information sign, new entrances and repairs to stone walls. Fruit bushes and herbs will be planted in one of the bedding areas. Additional plants, shrubs and, of course, roses will be bought with the aim of providing year-round colour and interest.

The Rose Garden is at the centre of Oxenhope village. Over the past few years it has become rather neglected, suffering from the cutbacks affecting all local authorities.

After a long period of negotiation, the Parish Council expects to shortly sign a lease to take over responsibility for running the Rose Garden from Bradford Council and help support a “re-blooming” of the Garden.

The Friends of the Rose Garden have held several working parties and worked hard over the summer period. They have double dug an area to improve the soil and have also planted nearly 1,500 spring bulbs, which will produce a colourful start to the New Year.

The Friends have also secured funding from the Parish Council for azaleas, rhododendrons and cherry trees, which will be planted over the winter.

The aim of all this work is to regenerate the Rose Garden making it an attractive green space, for both residents and visitors to enjoy.

Oxenhope Parish Council Chair, Ken Eastwood, commented, “The Parish Council and Friends are grateful to the Community Foundation for Calderdale for their support, which has recognised the value of the Rose Garden to the community and the commitment of Friends and other volunteers in Oxenhope to contribute to improvements and ongoing maintenance.”

The Ovenden Windfarm Fund is managed by the Community Foundation for Calderdale. The fund which established in 2016 and has awarded seventeen local charitable organisations grants totalling more than £90,000.

Assistant Director Emma Woods-Bolger commented, “The Rose Garden is a prominent public open space within the centre of the village. Thanks to the determination of local residents and with the funding support needed it can once again become an attractive, functional community feature and meeting place.”
