

# Other work in the garden

realized by the *Friends of South Cliff Gardens*



Miniature Garden restoration



New Miniature Garden viewing area designed by Richard Flowitt, created and installed by blacksmith James Godbold of Egton



Charles's Garden, in memory of Charles Smith (1934-2009) a true friend to South Cliff Gardens

Scarborough & District  
Civic Society



## ***Shuttleworth Shelter Restoration***



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## ***A brief history of the garden***

Alfred Shuttleworth was a successful businessman from Lincoln who bought Red Court in 1905.

Across Holbeck Road was a house called "Holbeck Hurst", owned by Robert A Marrillier, Mayor of Scarborough in 1896/97. Soon after Shuttleworth bought Red Court he purchased and demolished Holbeck Hurst in order to improve his view and in the empty space he created a garden called "Redcourt Garden"

In 1917 he presented the garden to the town. The oak shelter was already in the garden at that time so it is around 100 years old.

After the First World War a sensory garden for the blind was made which included a rockery with many herbs. It contains a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses and climbing plants which are fragrant, have different textures, vibrant colours and rustling foliage.

In the winter of 1937/38 a corner was created as a miniature rock and water garden with summerhouses, boathouse and bridge to scale.

Alfred Shuttleworth's gift is still being enjoyed by residents and Scarborough visitors. His other gifts to the town include Holbeck Clock Tower and the statue of Mercury in the Italian Gardens.

### **The Project**

The shelter had become dilapidated partly because of subsidence. Despite its poor condition the shelter was still in regular use. Although there are plenty of benches in Shuttleworth Gardens, there is only one shelter, for protection from wind and rain.

In November 2009 the Civic Society began to fund-raise for the repair of the shelter.

### **We wish to thank the following donors:**

#### **Yorkshire Gardens Trust**

#### **Scarborough Borough Council:**

Southern Area Committee

Northern Area Committee

Central Rural Area Committee

#### **North Yorkshire County Council:**

Coast & Moors Area Committee

#### **The Greenway Family in memory of Richard Greenway**

#### **Jack Brunton Charitable Trust**

#### **Civic Society members**

Connie Pummell & Bonnie Purchon M.B.E. both hosted fund raising events.

#### **Borough of Scarborough Mayoress' Community Fund**

The Civic Society Shelters group is indebted to Scarborough Borough Council for their support of this project and particularly to their officer Alan Dargue



*Before restoration*

One of the reasons for the poor state of the shelter was that the base had subsided and the dry-stone garden wall had allowed soil and other wet material to accumulate around the shelter.

In order to rebuild the base, the shelter had to be carefully dismantled and removed from site. While the new base was being constructed, the shelter was repaired. Rotten timber was removed and replaced by new English oak. The "new" oak had been seasoned for 10 years.

Scarborough Borough Council rebuilt the base of the shelter and the stone wall behind it. There is now a space around the shelter allowing the possibility to clean behind the structure.

Andy Whitelaw Joinery undertook the repairs to the English oak shelter.



*During restoration*