

Final Report project coordinator Ruskin walled garden November 2014

The garden is going from strength to strength with some really excellent new members. Ken has taken over the onion, garlic and shallot bed, Maryann has taken over the spare plot and is busy creating an archive of the garden, and we have two enthusiastic students, Alan and Ildi.

We had a planting meeting in September (plan attached).

Tom has planted broad beans and there will also be some parsnips ready soon. We've had carrots, beetroot and radishes from this plot over the summer; the beetroot could actually have been world record size.

Jeff has cleared the potato plot ready to plant up in the spring. We had a bumper crop of charlotte, pink fir apple and rooster potatoes, which we're still eating.

I have half cleared the bean plot and planted autumn sowing peas and there will be purple sprouting in the spring. I'm not sure what I'll do with the other half.

The old onion plot has been cleared and covered and will be planted with potatoes in the spring.

Ken has got the onion, shallot and garlic bed well under control.

Ellen is continuing with the kitchen garden growing spinach, broccoli and herbs.

Jane and Jennifer will be planting climbing beans, courgettes, cucumbers, squashes and flowers in the side beds.

Alan, Ken, Tom, Maryann and I spent an afternoon sorting out the compost. Woody stuff needs to go straight on the fire pit for burning and green stuff in the black bins.

Tom and son have tidied and cleaned the shed, so please can we make an effort to keep it that way, its looks absolutely great?

We're getting a load of compost delivered this weekend so help will be needed from 10am on Saturday.