



The — Plot




Newbie Team coordinators

Plus supporting team

Stephan
John
Kate
Pam
Cath





'To create an inspiring, educational and sustainable permaculture LAND demonstration site, including a food forest garden. Through holistic permaculture design ethics, Permaculture principles and tools helping to create an ideal educational space that promotes regenerative culture with a minute carbon footprint.'

Starts with a tea break!



A taste of some
changes implemented
during the last year





Shed design

- Size separation
- Season + unseasoned separated
- Dry + ventilated
- Accessible
- Good looking!
- Doors still to do....



**1000 litre
capacity!**



Nursery expansion

- More plants
- More planting area
- More tables



- Lunches
- Produce to take home
- Protected from rabbits
- Learning opportunity
- Place to observe changes

New annual's
growing space

Decreased Waste

- Ground cover plants in FG- compete with nettles
- Focus efforts on more dried produce - observed at Apple Day
- Re-widening of main access to compost bays - return to original design
- Google drive to share and store team files

Increased Diversity

- Three new team members
- Finances through courses, Forest Schools, and apple sales to Fruit Factory
 - achieved £200 profit this reporting year

Increased Connections

- Donations of tools, seeds, and building materials through volunteers [Stephen - our second-hand market ambassador!]
- PDC and into courses
- Seedy Sunday and Climate action week events

Successes



Challenges

Just look
natural!





Communication:

Within the team, within BPT

Rabbits:

Limits plants, monopolises time

Generating income for the plot:


No savings security

Limited time for pushing the project forward:

Voluntary only

Integrate the work into team's livelihoods:

For a regular presence on the plot



“Enjoying the challenge of establishing an annuals plot on a permaculture site.”
- Robert

“To see the process of succession growth, and the way this had developed in terms of a strong and committed group taking the plot forward. To see the nursery coming together and connecting with the shop at the FF. and make a more viable and effective whole.”
- Fran

Highlights from the team!

“Feeling of positive and mutually beneficial exchange – putting IN physical maintenance work, and mental work– shed design and running sessions; getting OUT edible perennials in half price plant sale, and veggies from annual bed.”
- Liz

“Seeing the site continue to develop and thrive without of the input of Vikki (who had a lot of experience). I feel my confidence has grown a lot and I have learnt so much. I am so grateful to this project for all that it has enabled me to learn and share with others. Seeing the enjoyment of our volunteers is always a highlight for me. The development of the nursery has also brought me a lot a pleasure. Sarah and I hosted a lot of music sessions this year which brought a whole new dimension of enjoyment and connection.”
- Hannah

“The engineering challenges of making something out of limited / waste resources.”
- Sam

