

KAILYARD ROTA DIARY REPORTS - 2020

NAME	MONTH	COMMENTS	WORK REQUIRED	SORTED √
Alison Kennedy	January 2020	6.1.20 I took advantage of the mild weather today and managed to get to the kailyard. I secured kailyard gate, and there were a few loose, sticking out "twigs" of fence and gate, but when I went to try to weave them back into place, they just snapped and seemed rotten so by time of better weather, in spring/summer, both fence and gate might need some repair.	Keep a check on the fence – possible repairs needed.	
Colin Miller	January 2020	8/1/20 Cool and sunny day, with slight frost on ground. Sign, fence and gate all OK, but see “Work Required” box re fence. Added an extra curved stick to the top end of the raspberry row, as one of the sticks and a couple of canes were unsupported. Currant bushes have lots of pink buds and strong currant aroma. Mulched the 4 th path with bracken from the heap at the “old Esson House” which we cut in 2019. Not much water in well; stones in bottom are visible. Cleared broom and brambles which were obscuring Colony Trail post 3.	The west end of the north (or back) fence is bowed inward; still an effective barrier but will be vulnerable if snow drifts up against it. CM will discuss with Chris and Barry.	
Jackie Cumberbirch	February 2020	24/2/20. My visit was in the morning before the snow arrived!! All seemed in good order in the kailyard. As I have not been in the area for ages, I also noticed that the laurel is getting bushier and the cherry tree has been cut up after blowing down. Good work that Neil Taylor and his volunteers did a wee while ago to remove regenerating Sitka Spruce from around the well area too.	A general tidy up in and around the older unused section of the kailyard.	

Barry Foster	March 2020	4/3/20 Chilly day, some snow still around. General inspection showed no issues of note, everything looked healthy and tidy. Spent time thinning and pruning fruit bushes ready for the 2020 season and made sure the plants were supported adequately. The rhubarb is coming on well and looks like it may be ready to supply a crop. Just in case of any heavy frosts, broom “fronds” were placed around and over it. The fence, as previously noted, may need some attention later in the year.		
Chris Foster	March 2020	General 4/3/20 Fed fruit bushes with potash to help reduce the acidity of the soil and to add extra nutrients.		
Chris Foster	April 2020	A workparty was proposed for April for a general tidy up of the site and manuring, but due to the Coronavirus has been cancelled.		

Following the Coronavirus outbreak all rota duties have been suspended until further notice.