


**KAILYARD DIARY REPORTS – 2024**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE VISITED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>WORK REQUIRED</b>	<b>DONE</b> √
Jan - Feb	Colin Miller, Barry Foster, Jo Vergunst	02/02/24	<p>We carried out some winter jobs in the kailyard, on a beautiful sunny day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- refreshed the bracken mulch</li> <li>- pruned the autumn raspberries, some older currant branches and some ends of gooseberry branches</li> <li>- a few small fence and gate repairs</li> <li>- cleared some broom from the south side that was blocking the sun (some more still to be done).</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More fence repairs could be done – horizontal branches where fence has become lower and broom can also be used. Perhaps a task for another social visit a bit later in the year?</li> <li>- Check on currant bushes to see if any branches are not productive any more, can be pruned if so. They generally look good though.</li> <li>- Keep an eye on the rhubarb to see if it is more productive this year, though no sign of much yet.</li> <li>- Possibility of further planting – perhaps try some swedes in between two of the rows? This would need seeds, sowing, potting on etc before planting out at the kailyard, but once they are planted they would be low maintenance.</li> <li>- Around the kailyard – cut back the rest of the broom on the south side which was shading part of the kailyard (will need hand saw). We could consider further clearing broom etc from the side of the kailyard towards the main path too.</li> </ul>	

March	Barry Foster	21/3/24	<p>Everything seemed fine there so not much for me to do actually, apart maybe from putting a few Laurel branches across the top of the fence by the gate where it looked like somebody had leaned on it and broken a couple of the (admittedly) rather weak pieces.</p> <p>The rhubarb is showing two more leaves, (although you need a magnifying glass to see them!!) and some of the Blackcurrants are showing some leaf.</p>	<p>The sign board could be re-varnished and text updated. Barry to look at that with Jo.</p> <p>Further planting – Colin S has given Jo some locally sourced kale seeds which have sprouted nicely and are now growing on, hopefully ready for planting out a bit later in the year.</p>	

