



Stage 2
Winter cover crop

TINY DINOSAURS

SHELTER & STORAGE

COMPOST BAYS

NEXT PROJECT -
RAISED PERENNIAL BEDS

PEAS & LETTUCE
CHARD & LEEKS
BRUSSELS SPROUTS
CELERIAC & PADOVANO

BROAD BEANS
KALE & FIOVARO
CAULIFLOWER
RADICCHIO
RADICCHIO
BEETS, SPRING ONION, HERBS
LEAFY GREENS, HERBS
SPRING ONION, KOHL RABI
SPIGARELLO & KALE

TBC
TBC
HERBS
HERBS
FLOWERS

POLYTUNNEL

SAVOY CABBAGE & KOHL RABI
LEAFY GREENS
SAVOY & RED CABBAGE



Garden details

Growers - Amy and Gareth

Quarter-acre (1000m²) plot, leased from the Sambell family who own Geocrinia Farm.

Established in August 2023, with the first plants in the ground in November 2023.

The plot will be divided into four equal growing blocks, each with 9 rows, and one polytunnel with three rows and the seedling nursery

Initial groundwork was rotary hoe to ease compaction, and we formed beds on top using rotted straw bales, compost, sheep manure, and garden mix.

Irrigation is a mix of dripper line and sumi soaker.

Inputs and soil amendments include chicken manure, blood and bone, compost, kelp and fish hydrolysate.

Vision for the market garden

To run a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) vegetable supply, which is a subscription based model, allowing both the grower and the customer to focus on seasonal produce at its best and provides a direct connection between grower and customer.

Focus on improving our access to a diverse range of vegetables (great for our gut health!), especially some interesting brassica and the radicchio family.

Eventually expand into facilitating some fun, hands-on workshops for food and nutrition, gardening, sustainability - we're all ears for this and happy to chat about any collabs, ideas, community needs and just some good old socialising in nature!

Challenges so far

Weevils

Soil fertility

Guildford grass

Just how many wheelbarrow loads it's possible to do in one day

What's the plan for Winter 2024

- Winter 2024 will be all about improving soil fertility on the second half of the garden with a multi-species cover crop, and making peace with the guildford grass on the active side of the garden for now
- Continue supplying fresh vegetables for sale at Marmalade in Witchcliffe - an amazing new social enterprise produce store in the old CWA hall!
- Build some raised beds for perennial herbs, and create an edible border around the fenceline
- Improve insect and small bird habitat - they're some of the hardest workers around!
- Writing a guide on how to make an excellent bitter leaf salad and why they're so good to include in our diet!

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