

Volunteer Work Schedule for Summer 2011. (Updated July 2nd)

Community Gardens -

Work according to Biodynamic Calendar as far as is possible

- cutting the grass **weekly**, late afternoon or weekends, and not on Wednesdays if possible –*Emyr maintains strimmer & lawnmower*
- dig over & prepare beds as required- *see Fraser & Pip*
- remove weeds from the footpaths – using trowel or small spade, then rake over the gravel evenly & resurface if required with new small slate chippings from the pile at the garden entrance
- weed around the trees on the garden hedge banks **DO NOT USE THE STRIMMER** as it too easily de-bark & kill the small trees
- fix green wind break netting with cable ties (also in herb garden)
- construct wooden sink support & drain & work surface near the polytunnel & ditch then fit the Belfast sink & tap/pipes
- scythe mower used for maintaining the orchard area
- construct raised beds with cedar boards – *see Fraser & Pip*
- construct & fit new gates on all entrances - *see Emyr*

Herb Garden

- Strimming/mowing & clearing paths of weeds with a trowel/small spade
- Weed out buttercup, couch grass etc from around the herbs
- Weed around back of herb beds to the hedge border
- move remaining large stones to the area above the Seed Building

Footpath to roundhouses:

- keep tidy with regular strimming – again taking great care not to cut too near & damage the young trees' bark

Willow bed

- cut & fix larch boards on to the new bridge crossing the ditch

Woodland

- clear & burn (on windless day) bramble encroachments into all planted woodland areas
- weed around young trees on car park hedge bank & fields above the garden *see land plan*
- scythe/strim all the thistle & dock infested areas over the entire 23 acre site –***before they go to seed***

Pond area (near main roundhouse)

- clear out silt at the inlet and construct sluice gate/dam
see prepared sketches for instructions

Seed Building : *work requiring skilled supervision – see Emyr*

- continue with cobbing and stone walling

Herb House: *work requiring skilled supervision –see Emyr*

- cobbing

Oak barn workshop: *skilled work requiring expert supervision-see Dafydd & David Taylor*

- fix battens & cedar cladding (requires scaffolding & ladders & power tool use)
- construct barn doors (specialist carpentry skills& tools /supervision required)

2nd volunteer roundhouse : *skilled work requiring expert supervision*

- finish doors/ porch & construct stairs (specialist carpentry skills& tools /supervision required)
- make circle of interior benches as per first roundhouse –
see Dafydd & prepared sketches sheet for “how to”

Compost toilet: *skilled work requiring supervision*

- finish tiling interior,

(the remaining thatching of the toilet & roundhouse ridges requires specialist skill)

Local School Project

every Tuesdays 9.30am-4.30pm & Wednesdays 6-8pm
and Saturday mornings 10am -1pm during term time:

- working at *Ysgol Llidiardau* nearby primary school building a cob walled outdoor eco-classroom & nature garden with the pupils

For July:

Preparing for the Hillforts Festival:

- sourcing spruce roundwood poles & hazel rods from Nanhoron Coppice *see Dafydd*
- landscaping the viewing platform

- *then later:* stone facing the clay earth perimeter of the barn & yard site

for Rainy days:

oak cladding the main roundhouse interior – requires bandsaw work & then individually shaping the staves with spokeshaves & drawknives then plugged fixing to the existing cedar carcassing – *see Dafydd for material & design*

Other Specialist Woodworking Projects

for HLF trainees/skilled carpenters:

- *oak framing the next phase of the barn*
- *creating the farm shop doors and interior*