

**Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden meeting with Josh Littlejohn.
16th February, 10am, North Edinburgh Arts**

Present Josh, Sue, Linda G, Ellie C, Graeme, Jonathan, Gillean and Kirsty
Apologies Mariana

A positive meeting confirming Friends Group plans to begin inside the walled garden this summer -
Feb update from EDI that we could have entry in April, new door position and safety issues.
Our draft timetable of spring and summer activities and garden 'bubble' diagram given to Josh.



Josh explained their plans for supporting clients with different work activities, and proposed timescale for eco-village development this summer.

Garden development and working areas we could involve Social Bite volunteers with early in the walled garden's restoration raised. Autumn and winter of 2017 activities to think about.

Discussion of FG licence agreement with EDI, business plan timescale July/Aug/Sept. Josh's offer of help with the business plan and market research gratefully accepted. Recent visit to RBGE nursery and market garden used as an example of realistic expectations of crops we could grow. Our fresh produce from the 'kitchen garden' area needs to be tailored to the local market and seasons. Ideally using organic principles for growing too, to sustain the fertile garden soil.

Our crowdfunding launch brought up, request for help in publicising and perhaps funding for some essentials early on in the garden's development. Polytunnel, marquee, water supply and tool storage. Plans of village area and contact for discussion of project management and services like water & electricity - to be forwarded to the Friends Group.

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