



I'm sorry there has been a delay in getting this log out. As you might imagine, since approval was given for our crevice garden there has been a huge amount to do and time has been constraining. But let me at last update you on progress. In the last log I showed the site as it was before any work began.



The first task was to rescue plants from the area that we wanted to keep. Here is Chloe, our new Special Options trainee, digging up some of these.

We ended up with several barrowfuls like this. These were potted up for now until we find new homes for them.



Meanwhile Peter Herman and Chris Allan made a start on removing the paving slabs:



Next are 'before' and 'after' pictures for this part of the job. You can also see that 2 of 3 beds have by now had all their plants rescued:



It had taken about 3 working days to get to this stage. Peter and Chris moved on to demolishing the two empty raised beds, while Chloe, Lucie and Anita rescued plants from the remaining bed.

In this picture, one bed is gone and Chris is starting on the second:



Here both beds are gone:



You can see that we have kept the soil that was in the beds for re-use at the base of the new crevice garden. In fact all the materials from the site will be re-used or re-cycled in some way. The third raised bed was next to be taken apart. Here is Chris starting by the wall. Note many of the plants have now been removed.



Last Friday, 15 Oct, was an exciting day because the stone was delivered. We had to unload the bags outside the garden then move them up to the alpine yard. John and Mark who drove and unloaded the lorries were brilliant and the whole task went really smoothly.



Here is a view with some of the rock itself:



This is near the end of unloading:



Finally we had help from Lee Grigsby, who normally works in our irrigation section, to drive a telehandler to move all the bags up to the alpine yard. He did a great job.



By the next log, ZZ will be here and hopefully building work will have begun. I'll keep you posted.