



Suki Urquhart's Potager in France..

...making progress!

In the first upload onto [gardensandpeople](http://www.gardensandpeople.co.uk) last November, I interviewed Suki Urquhart : we talked about her new potager garden that she was setting up. Now she has sent a report and pictures of what astonishing progress her garden has made..



Highlands of Scotland...

For 'Before' picture go to:
<http://www.gardensandpeople.co.uk/Downloads/Interview%20Suki2%20091022.pdf>

Here are pictures taken earlier this summer before the real heat of August that puts paid to the flowers. The herb beds really filled up this year and I will have to move some things that will be crowded out by next year. Once things get a hold here, the growth can be staggering compared with the

I can sit in the shade of a verbena bush cut to the ground this winter and two rosemary plants are creating a very good barrier by the auvent. Earlier there was lots of rhubarb and some gooseberries.

The broad beans did really well but the first crop of tomatoes suffered from leathery skins apparently because we had a cold spring or because of uneven watering. But the second crop has been amazing and I have had so many courgettes I cannot face eating another one this year. I still have aubergine and peppers to harvest.



There is a big crop of self-seeded squash from seeds buried in the compost – I have also found self-sown tomatoes popping up in places where I had moved earth to and some were very delicious. The artichokes were so productive I was able to leave



some to flower – they were spectacular and very ‘thistle’ like causing much comment about my Scottish roots. I have planted three mulberry trees which will be pollarded in traditional French fashion to create canopies of shade for the car parking space. The other success has been the pergola built by my

son-in-law to create a tunnel for the wisteria which was the only plant that was here apart from the date palm and the oaks. Next year the new honeysuckle and roses should join in the riot of growth. The Californian poppies have spread themselves liberally around the garden as have the cornflowers and love-in-the-mist. It seems you only have to plant these annuals once.



The house - repainted - and potager.....

