

## Geddington Brickyard Garden (GBG) – Progress from June 2014 to Dec 2014

By June 2014, a small band of hardy volunteers started to clear and explore the site.



At this stage, the derelict barns were still in place and the cow milking barn provided a snapshot of former times.

The ground was full of bricks and stones and in many places required a pick axe to find the earth!

The old wooden shed was given a make-over and provided shelter for volunteers.

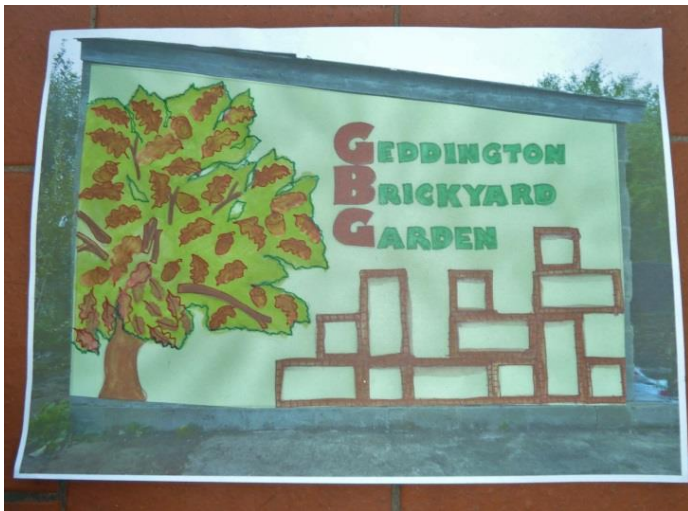
Our first experimental clay bricklets were made from clay dug up at the site. Jane Stonebridge, local potter and ceramic artist screened and fired different samples as shown in photo.





In September 2014, Boughton Estate demolished the barns to make the site safe. We asked that as much of the old timber, including the roof trusses be preserved for recycling and maintaining the history of the site. The old pan roof tiles, now quite valuable, were taken to be stored safely.

In late autumn, Geddington school children visited the site to plant spring bulbs in our first 'mobile' containers.



Jane designed the GBG mural which would incorporate clay bricklets made by our community and feature 'Beer Barrel Oak', an ancient landmark along Clay Dick public byway.

Our first raised bed was built using the old barn roof trusses.



In December Robin Field of River Nene Regional Park visited our site and agreed to fund the installation of a boundary stock fence and gate. A huge step forwards!

