



The potatoes were planted the weekend following Eastercon in a specially selected site. This had been prepared earlier with the last of our pre-

cious manure. As King Edwards they need plenty of room so were planted in the long bed running with the path. In week one you can see the shorted beds with the red potatoes in (Desiree and Rooster) at the side. Behind is the early bed. Your potato is in the top-most corner, between the two.



By week six the potatoes are doing well and already ahead of their red (and previously planted, I might say!) brethren. In this photo your potato is in the left corner. This is just after we'd been on holiday and the bed needed weeding. Potatoes are great, though, as they spread and shadow the ground and can see off most weeds. So I wasn't worried.

Week 9 you've got a close up of your potato plant. You can see it is being looked after and the weeds now cleared. The flower buds are just forming.



Week 10, which was yesterday. Your potato is too the left again and you

can see how much taller they are than the red potatoes in the bed next door as well as the flowers just starting. I'm going to be keeping a watch on them to try and get a photo of them flowering for you.

They are now actively swelling and will need some water to make sure they reach their full potential. It's probably going to be another 6 weeks before they are ready to be lifted and in that time the plant stems will die down. If it remains dry they can stay in the ground but if the weather gets wet again, like last year, they will have to be lifted early to stop rot/blight developing.

