

Wednesday 22nd May, 2019

Hi - we've had a bit of blog pause as we've been away. On a visit to Kings Park Nursery, the smell of Lemon blossom was a wonderful reminder of a short stay in Italy. Meanwhile, here at Hengistbury Head, the garden has grown taller! By the side of the pond, lavenders are competing with Corn Marigolds and Ox-eye Daisies. The bronze fennel with its feathery leaves borders the Chamomile lawn.



Nature continues to surprise us and the cluster of Poppies on the rockery has some beautiful bright red ones, and also some crimson ones with white centres. The chirping of sparrows is a wonderful addition to the garden. The new bird boxes on the Visitor Centre building were quickly occupied by a group of these communal birds, once so familiar.



The Spindle tree has web-like cocoons which have different 'compartments' for varying temperatures during the day. We are waiting to see if the residents of these cocoons are Lackey Moth or Brown-tail Moth caterpillars. The wonderful thing about Hengistbury Head is that we can leave things to develop naturally as we are part of a nature reserve. What a privilege.

Don't forget to visit our Open Morning in the Garden next Wednesday, 29th May.

The Hengistbury Head Wildlife Gardeners