

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

It was gratifying to see that we are making sure our garden is friendly to wildlife. A comparison with Dorset Wildlife information shows we are doing everything except an open compost area. We have bird feeders, seed heads and log piles. Personally, I'm so glad that having an untidy garden is useful.



Here at Hengistbury we have quite a dry environment as we are on heathland and are affected by winds and Saltburn. As we garden and there is leaf fall, our soil is improving. We are happy to know we are having a beneficial effect on our environment. We are a coastal garden with some protection afforded by the Visitor Centre building and the surrounding dykes.

At home, I am so excited by final arrangements to put in a proper hedge in our front garden. Wildlife friendly, it will provide a screen from the road. No resin driveway for me, my car is less important than the natural beauty of wildlife. And what's more, the leaf mould I have left to decompose has resulted in a wonderful soil improver. How satisfying, and costs nothing but time.



As I write, the birds are trilling and the sea can be heard. The sun is shining and .....come and visit us. It's true we do stop for coffee, but we do enjoy a chat about the garden. See you soon, one Wednesday morning. Until then....

*The volunteer gardeners at Hengistbury Head Wildlife Garden*