

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Happy New Year to you all.

2018 began with strong winds and rain but the garden continues to thrive. A few fences have taken a battering but the sun this Wednesday made up for the disarray.

Walking around you may notice some plants continue to flower. We have been gathering a list of them, which we will share next week. Even after frost the Corn Marigolds have flowers. Other colour is given by the reddish Euphorbia. It always a joy to see the promise of buds too. How amazing it is to see the garden shed its leaves giving us time to evaluate the needs for the coming year.



Looking back the ancient seeds we have sown have successfully grown, and our area of sensory plants along the west side of the pond is developing. Once again the wild flower meadow looked fabulous and we experimented with a second sowing. We will be using what we found out to extend flowering time. That's one of the many joys of nature; finding out how our garden grows.

We are hoping to add to the Bug Hotel this year but will give the beasties a little time to rest at this time.

Thank you for all the visits and chats we have had. Many people revisit at different times of the year to share the natural development of the Hengistbury Head Wildlife Garden which we appreciate. We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for all the kind words you have given us.

The Gardeners