

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

What a lovely clear morning. The sun is shining on a number of trees and plants in flower. The Winter Honeysuckle that Sue brought in from her garden has sweet-smelling, small white flowers. The Winter Flowering Cherry has small pink flowers, but the Hamamelis is still dormant. Primula, Violets and even some Red Campion have flowered. It seems that the lack of a prolonged spell of cold weather is tempting plants to flower earlier.



Cherry



Honeysuckle

Meanwhile, there is beauty in decay. Over by the moth trap, there is skeletal Honesty. The seeds have been shed and the silky inner sheath has rotted away. The remaining outer shapes look like delicate line drawings.



Primrose



Honesty

The planters in the courtyard are looking colourful, though we have had to water them. It's all about watching the weather and compensating for anything that might be missing - for example, rain.

We look forward to seeing you in the garden soon.

*The Hengistbury Head Wildlife Gardeners*