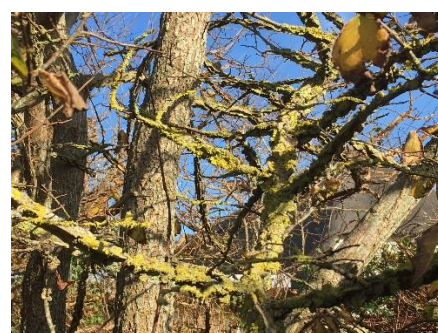
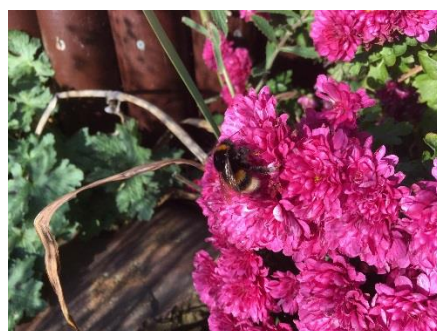
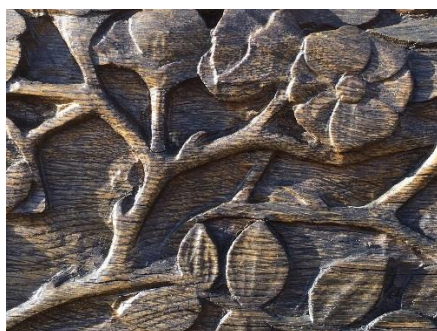


Wednesday 14th November, 2018

Our regular blogger was not here today, so I ventured out into the sun-bathed garden to see what the volunteers were up to. There was a lot of work going on with the flower meadow - the gardeners have been planting bulbs in the meadow recently, which we haven't tried before, and they have also been sowing some seeds. When I went out, they were trampling down the soil. I am looking forward to all the colour the meadow will bring next year.



Wandering round the garden with your camera (phone!) to get pictures for the blog is a great way to encourage yourself to look more closely at the garden, and to notice all there is to be seen. I was surprised at how much colour there still is on show, some of it more subtle than others, but still very pretty. You also notice textures and patterns more at 'quieter' times of the year. Things that caught my eye included honesty seeds where the 'papery' part has gone, just leaving an oval shape; a bright orange flower; sunlit carvings on one of the benches; and lichen-encrusted tree branches.



As I walked past the pond, I was struck by how beautifully clear the water was. Nearby, a November bumblebee (possibly Buff-tailed) caught my eye, alighting on another flower I didn't know the name of!

The gardeners do such a great job each week, come rain (last week, very heavy) or shine (this week). It is a tribute to their hard work that, no matter what time of year, there is always something of interest to be enjoyed.