

Wednesday 18th December, 2019

A walk around the garden today revealed some lichen and fungi colours that are not always seen. The sun shone on the green lichen on a Guelder Rose. My Mum told me that a lichen only grew in areas where the air is pure.

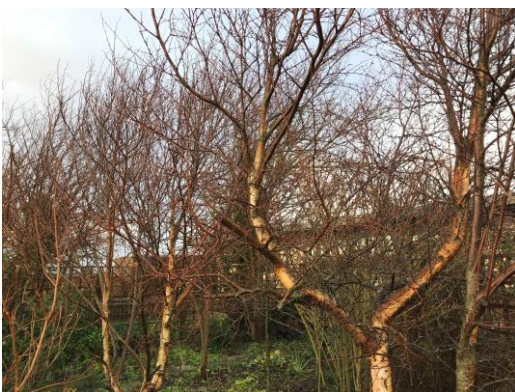
Through the woodland there is a stump. The small, bright orange bobbles in the bark look like insect eggs. Indeed, there were ants crawling up. However, we've all seen the alien, cream-coloured eggs with ants dragging their prodigy. Strange that the eggs are as big as the adults.



The sunlight also picked out the pale green flowers of the *Hellebore foetida*. I've never actually smelt the plant, which is said to have a rotting aroma.

What a beautiful morning. There is always something to see in the Wildlife Garden at Hengistbury Head. If not colour, it can be texture and there is the music of the sea to soothe our souls.

At this time of year, it is so wonderful to be spending time with all those who we care about. In the garden, the chaos of spending dissipates and we remember what matters in our world.



We, the volunteer gardeners, look forward to chatting with you and sharing the lovely Wildlife Garden at Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre. We send you Season's Greetings. Here's hoping that Santa and the New Year bring you health and happiness.

The Volunteer Gardeners at Hengistbury Head