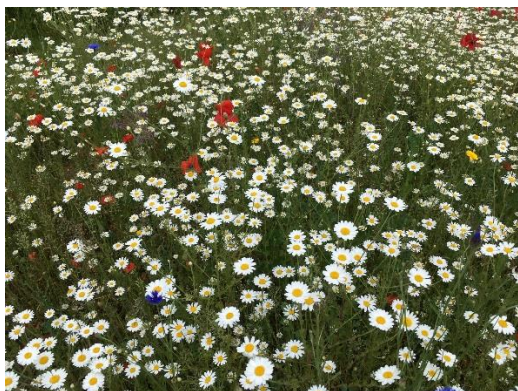


Wednesday 29th May, 2019

Today we had an Open Morning in the wildlife garden. We had plants for sale, and families did our 'Garden Challenge', with a colourful map pointing out features people might normally pass by. The reward for completing the challenge was a lovely Hengistbury Head poster to colour in. The weather was not great unfortunately, but we hope to run another one soon.

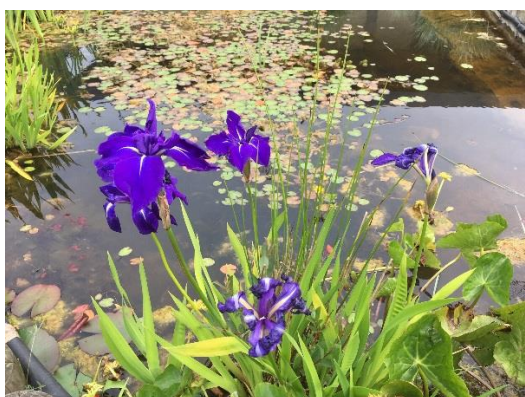


The flower meadow is looking lovely. Ox-Eye Daisies are the main attraction at the moment, with Poppies and Cornflowers popping up too. Keep watching the meadow because it will continue to change over the coming weeks. The same applies to the flower borders - new things seem to appear all the time, like this stunning marigold (see above).

Two areas need similar attention: the Sedum roof on the bug hotel, and the Chamomile lawn, as both drain very quickly after rain. The Chamomile does not like stony ground, and so is low growing. Some 'fustier' compost would help this along.

The Purple Flag Irises we mentioned last week are doing really well on the edge of the pond, and look really lovely. Near the Moth Trap, used to investigate the species we have here, there is a straggly bush with a lilac-type flower. We are still looking to identify it. If you know what it is, please do get in touch and let us know.

One flower we do know the name of is Love In The Mist, which is now flowering in the borders.



See you soon.

The Hengistbury Head Garden Volunteers.