

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

The meadow has been cleared ready to plant some spring bulbs and the cornfield seed for next year. As we cleared away the Black Medic and Melilot, many Devil's Coachhorse beetles were disturbed, so we have left an area for them. While planting some Bedstraw (chosen because the hawkmoths like it) a beautiful Humming Bird Hawkmoth caterpillar revealed itself.



Humming Bird Hawkmoth caterpillar



Michaelmas Daisies

We hope that the Bedstraw will survive in the area where the wind blows hard across the garden, and maybe scorches plants with salt. We are finding that trees are staying at a certain height. The wind and salt scorch is keeping the Elm Tree low, which means it will not get Dutch Elm disease as it only affects trees that are taller. It is wonderful learning new things about the garden all the time.

In the woodland the Hamamelis leaves are turning beautiful colours. We have been asked a few times to name plants in the forecourt. The pink Cleome is tall and flowered for a long time. Currently, the Amaranthus, a tall purple, thrifty plant, is the favourite. Kings Park Nursery supplied the splendid array of plants.



Hamamelis leaves



Amaranthus