

Wednesday 8th January 2020

Happy New Year to all our weeds!

Christmas and New Year's Eve have been Wednesdays and so a little less attendance has been paid by the volunteers in the garden. We are now back and happy that today's weather is encouraging us to catch up with the weeding.



Talk of pruning has led to thoughts about 'rewilding'. Of course, these are just my musings and having just planted a wildlife friendly hedge in my front garden, I am biased. If we left the garden to 'do its own thing' it would probably become wood and scrubland over time. Ponds would fill in and plants that are stronger, including grass, would push out other things. So the balance we bring by gardening is beneficial and keeps our environments full of wildlife and beauty. Having felled the beautiful smelling Leylandii which gave privacy to my front garden, I've been overjoyed to see 'Jenny Wren' and Coal Tits visiting.

Here at Hengistbury Head a friend of mine, from deeper Dorset, commented on the weeds in the garden. So, we are 'having a go' again.

You will notice a change in the old apple tree as we give it a chop, in an effort to rejuvenate it. Apparently pruning at this time encourages new growth while July pruning can ensure a good crop. The theme appears to be balance. That seems to be a good thought for the start of a new year.



We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Volunteer Gardeners at Hengistbury Head Wildlife Garden