

Wednesday 3rd July, 2019

As you walk out of the shop and past the pond, on the left of the decking is one of our favourite flower beds today. The Buddleia behind the bug hotel is looking beautiful with its light mauve cones of flowers. Poppies and purple Lichnis are in the same bed as daisies and Verbena bonariensis.



Opposite this, tall creamy white Scabious contrast with bright pink Phlox, and a lone Larkspur has sprung up with its purple-blue flowers on a spike. On the other side of the pond are plants with scent. The sage is a very comfortable, big ball of a plant, low growing, with leaves ready to be picked to cook with.



In the same bed the curry plant is flowering vibrant yellow on stems that seem almost grey. Adjacent is a deep blue lavender in flower. The tall and stately Verbena doesn't have many flowers but presents little clusters of purple. The dark fennel plant is as a ball.

I enjoy looking at the tall stems as they grow past the height of the wall, and the trees behind create a light green backdrop. Once again the beautiful landscape extends our view. The garden appears larger as plants disguise the wall. Funny, it's like a trick of perspective.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Volunteer Gardeners at Hengistbury Head