

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - *Spring is sprung. The grass is riz.....***

One of the fun things about designing your own garden is knowing that other things grow up and around and cover any human straight lines. While re-instating the planters in the front of the Visitor Centre, there was much discussion of a parallel line there and an angle here. The little 'piazza' with blue tables and chairs looks inviting. The perfect place to sit and drink a coffee or tea, after or before a walk on Hengistbury Head. There are even bowls of fresh water for the dogs.



It is windy and warmish today. Once again, the sea can be heard while sitting in the garden. The sparrows, robins, goldfinch and greenfinches are competing to attract mates. It feels like Spring.

One of the strange things about the garden is the lack of frogspawn in the pond. This was a decision made to discourage frogs as they can interbreed with the rare Natterjack Toads which inhabit the special ponds further up into Hengistbury Head. However, the Marsh Marigolds are burgeoning. The green globes promise bright yellow flowers imminently.



At this time of the year there is so much promise. In spite of very wet and very windy weather, nature continues to delight. One of the missing elements in our seasons is frost. We have had one or two nights with a frost but nothing substantial and there are some plants that need it. Let's just hope we don't have freezing snow this month, as we did last year.

We look forward to chatting with you when you visit the garden.

**See you soon - the volunteer gardeners in the Hengistbury Head Wildlife Garden**