

Wednesday 22nd March, 2017



The weather is fickle at the moment, and what with hail yesterday and rain this morning how wonderful to now be outside with the sun shining. We have prepared the meadow and will soon be sowing our lovely area on one side of the grass path. This year we have started a perennial meadow on the right of the grass so that some plants come up every year without sowing again. This includes wild plants such as Plantain, Teasel and Thistles - all attractive to wildlife.

Sorting the ancient wheat from the chaff is almost complete and we are going to trial a spring sowing. Thanks again to Butser Farm for helping us with this project, which is part of thinking about planting using historical Hengistbury Head horticulture.

The *Fritillaria* are looking superb and we are very pleased they seem established and multiplying in the woodland.

Just a reminder that we are very proud to be a part of the National Garden Scheme for the first time this year. Look forward to seeing you in the garden soon.

Hengistbury Head Wildlife Gardeners.