Scadbury Park Acorn Trail - Post 18

If you sit on the bench, in front of you is a hedge rich in *blackthorn*, a thorny plant with pretty white flowers in spring before its leaves develop. Its berries, called sloes, have traditionally been used to flavour gin.



To your right is there is much **honeysuckle**. Its pale coloured flowers and strong fragrance in the evening attract moths which pollinate it.

As you walk up to the Access Road the thick *bramble* on your left provides a rich nectar source for insects in summer.



common honeysuckle



A bee collecting nectar

In autumn the berries are food for animals and birds fattening up before winter or before migrating to warmer places. Birds can nest safely here, protected by it thorny branches.

Cross the private road which leads to the farm with care.

