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Maureen and Stan Clarke from Harpole, sent a photo of a Hummingbird Hawkmoth which they saw around geraniums in their garden. Hummingbird Hawkmoths are active both during the day and at night, but they are most likely to be seen on warm sunny days in a blur of wings making an audible hum. They search for nectar where there are flowers whether it is in the cities or on cliff tops, or in Northamptonshire gardens! They are relatively common, but surprisingly they are migrants from southern Europe and Africa, although they have been known to overwinter here during warm winters.