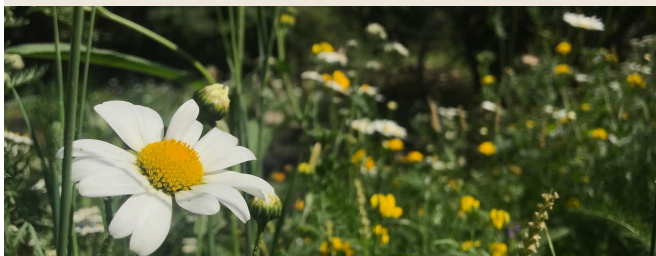

The retaining wall within the gardens of Cheping Gardens requires substantial repair.

As part of these works, biodiversity enhancements will be added to create opportunities for wildlife.

These measures include bird boxes, insect blocks, and hedgehog holes.

It is the responsibility of the home occupier to ensure these features are maintained.



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It is the duty of care of the landowner/occupier to act responsibly and comply with current environmental legislation.

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Cheping Gardens Home Occupiers Information



A guide to the maintenance of
biodiversity features in your
garden

Bird Boxes

You may have one of the following in your garden:

- RSPB Apex classic nest box
- RSPB Apex starling nest box
- RSPB Robin and wren diamond nest box
- RSPB Sparrow terrace nest box



These require minimal maintenance, which should occur outside of the breeding bird period (October to January), to clear them of old nesting material, and complete any repairs required.

Insect Blocks



The provision of insect boxes and bug hotels provide a valuable resource for invertebrates, providing suitable nesting habitat for important native pollinators. They can also provide opportunities for a wide range of species to shelter and over-winter during the colder months.

Woodstone Insect Blocks have been installed on the retaining wall. These require maintenance to replace any tubes that have fallen out or degraded with wet weather. It is your responsibility to replace these tubes with hollow lengths of bamboo.

Hedgehog Holes

You may find a gap in your fence line at ground level, measuring approximately 15cm x 15cm.

These have been added to improve the connectivity of the gardens for reptiles, amphibians and hedgehogs.

These gaps should not be blocked or filled in at any time, and it is your responsibility to make sure they remain open.

