

Great Chesterford Parish Council

Statement on Biodiversity

Great Chesterford Parish Council recognises the importance of biodiversity and the way it plays a huge role in the integrity of our environment.

GCPC will, as far as is possible, conserve and promote the biodiversity of the open spaces it manages. It will adopt beneficial practices with regarding to cutting and removal of vegetation, application of chemicals and timing of maintenance work. Special care will be taken in the specification of grounds maintenance contracts to ensure that the work, whilst reaching acceptable standards, does not harm the natural environment.

GCPC will also work in partnership with other organisations to protect, promote and enhance biodiversity within the Village.

GCPC will highlight biodiversity issues as part of its role within the local community including via its website, newsletters and other communications.

GCPC will involve the community in promoting biodiversity on its land including, for example, tree planting, developing green space areas and wilding areas.

GCPC will support the protection of sensitive habitats from development and will consider whether any development would mean the loss of important habitats for wildlife in respect of all planning applications.