CHAIN BANK CHIRK WREXHAM



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

FOR THE GARAGE AND WORKSHOP

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1. INTRODUCTION

This document is produced in support of an application for Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent for the garage which has been built in the north-west corner of the garden.

2. BACKGROUND

The biodiversity statement for the previous application for the summerhouse noted the potential in the garden for wildlife, and Mr Richards has already planted over 250 new hedging plants. This statement concerns the garage only.

3. PROPOSAL

Mr Richards met with and took advice from Miss Hayley Garrod of The Canals and River Trust regarding swifts, swallows and house martins, following her appearance on Countryfile. He also attended her talk on these birds at the church. Following this, he installed a swallow nesting box on the north gable last November, and intends to install further boxes below the pergola roof. The sides of the pergola will be completely open which will allow the birds access.

This would add to the potential sites for these birds, particularly swallows, as one factor in their numerical decline in recent years has been the loss of habitat in traditional open sided barns.

There is a printed board on the railings at the beginning of the aqueduct which illustrates the swallows etc. and their habits and migration. People using the path to the aqueduct will enjoy watching the birds in their local habitat. It can take a year or more before birds decide that the box is suitable, so there will not be an immediate improvement in biodiversity, but with time it should be taken up.

House martin nesting boxes can be obtained from various sources, including https://www.birdfood.co.uk/nest-boxes/nest-boxes-for-house-martins