



Cedar Chase: Span houses in Taplow



Built in 1966, Cedar Chase is one of the few Span estates west of London. It shares the C30 house design with Marsham Lodge - the only other Span site in South Bucks. The 24 houses are set at the northern (uphill) end of a sloping site, with the 'lower grounds' providing 0.6ha (1.5 acres) of communal woodland and open grass. The development and its early occupants were resisted by the village at first, but 60 Cedar Chase children soon dominated the local school and residents got involved in all the local groups and organisations. By 1990 almost all the children were gone, but recent turnover has brought new families and there is now a more natural distribution of ages. We even have two houses owned by people who grew up here and later bought back in as adults. Our annual Ox Roast attracts about 100 residents and friends, and uncountable informal parties bring residents together throughout the year.

Projects

Heating: 5 houses now have modern wet boilers driving the hot-air system via heat-exchangers. This also heats the bathroom floor!

Windows: we can now get wooden windows made to the original design but with double glazing. 10 houses have just ordered new front doors too.

Painting: major work starts in 2019 to extend the paint cycle to 8 years.

Roof: 2 houses re-roofed so far. Working on a design to get solar PV tiles and full-spec insulation.

Weatherboards: working on a plan to get 50mm of insulation board under the rear weatherboards.

Handbook: printed and online, advice on maintenance, copies of all the rules and legal docs, bits of history.

Plants book: catalogue of plants used in formal gardens, key to the original planting plan.

Garden refresh: replace some tired planting, open new clearings in woodland and plant young trees.

www.cedar-chase.org.uk



Charges

£110 per house per month covers external painting, window cleaning, TV aerial, communal gardens and woodlands.

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