

## RSPB NE London Local Group

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Dear All,

Hope you are all well.  
Our next zoom meeting will be:

### 9th March Simon Ginnaw - Birding in the Heart of Europe

Hungary is a land-locked country at the heart of central Europe. Simon on his website identifies it as home to a wide range of birds including Great Bustard, Saker Falcon, Red-footed Falcon, Ural Owl and up to nine species of Woodpecker (including the secretive White-backed Woodpecker), migrating waders, marsh terns and waterfowl.

Walks and Events, are still suspended until there is an improvement in the current situation.

Don't forget to look out for the results of the Big Garden Bird Watch

Warm regards,  
Your Friends on the Committee



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## New Webcam

The RSPB have just turned on a new webcam at Arne Nature Reserve

You look across Middlebere Channel, an inlet of Poole Harbour, viewed from the Arne Webcam near Coombe Heath, Arne Nature Reserve, near Wareham in Purbeck, Dorset

In the Autumn and Winter, Arne is an internationally-important site for wading birds, ducks and geese migrating or overwintering in Poole Harbour. Look out for large numbers of avocets, black-tailed godwits, curlews and redshanks as well as teal, wigeon and shelducks. Small groups of spoonbills feed on small fish and invertebrates, and oystercatchers probe the mud for shellfish. A flash of blue might reveal a kingfisher

In Spring and Summer, the Nature Reserve is an important fuel stop for passage migrant wading birds who arrive in mixed flocks. Some redshanks stay in the harbour all summer to breed on the saltmarshes. Flocks may rise, flushed out by birds of prey such as peregrine falcons, buzzards and marsh harriers.

[Arne Nature Reserve live](#) | [The RSPB webcams](#) | [The RSPB](#)

## National Nest Box Week

National Nest Box Week takes place every year from 14-21 February and it's a chance for you to encourage birds in your garden to come home to roost!

Organised by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), the week is an important one for all the brilliant birds we have in the UK, from robins to owls!



The idea behind the week is to encourage us to put up nest boxes in our local areas, not only to protect the wildlife we already have, but to attract even more birds to breed in our gardens.

National Nest Box Week started in 1997. As more trees are cut down, birds

lose their homes, so putting up boxes is a great way of helping our winged friends – and it's thought there's now between 5 to 6 million boxes across the UK!

And don't worry if, like me, you've never put up a bird box before. At the official [2021 Home Page | Nestbox Week](#) website, there are lots of hints and tips to get you started, as well as information on how to monitor the box and see what kind of wildlife you're likely to attract! The RSPB also has advice on nest boxes [Nestboxes For The Garden - The RSPB](#)

## We need the UK Government to reduce harmful pesticides



At a time when we need to be doing all we can to solve the nature crisis, we're still harming our wildlife with more and more pesticides.

Pesticides are chemicals used to kill pests. But they don't just kill pests. They often harm species indiscriminately and can increase pollution in our rivers. Despite this, they're widely used across the UK.

The UK Government has outlined plans for reducing the use of pesticides but this plan fails to promote using nature as an alternate pest control, and fails to address the unnecessary use of pesticides in urban areas

Individual farmers are reducing their pesticide use by turning to nature to manage their pests. We want all farmers to be supported to make the switch. **Ask the UK Government to give more help to farmers and land managers to use natural pest control.**

We've only got until 26 February to make our voices heard. [The RSPB \(e-activist.com\)](#)