

Flora and Fauna Of the Churchyard



This booklet contains photos and information about the flora and fauna to be seen in our churchyard. All the photographs of the flowers have been taken in the churchyard. We manage the maintenance of the churchyard to provide a diverse range of habitats for our native species and monitor the churchyard environment regularly. We aim to provide a place which reflects the beauty of God's creation and provides a peaceful and reflective space for our visitors. Our new churchyard extension provides a particularly quiet place for contemplation. You are welcome to enter the area through the little gate, but please be careful on the steep slopes – the ground in this part of the churchyard can be very wet.

Please feel free to take this booklet outside to help you identify or find a flower which interests you.

New pages will be added as plants are photographed. If you have any interesting contributions for this booklet, please contact Mary Hallett (01403 732874, email itchingfield@tiscali.co.uk).

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The above plan shows the areas of the churchyard which are managed as meadows.

Area A is cut in late June/early July and has been managed in this way for many years and is well established.

Area B is being allowed to grow longer to provide a new meadow area. The cutting regime will be finalised once we have established which species grow here, but we hope to cut this area later in the year to enable a different habitat to develop.

Area C is a part of the churchyard we cannot use as it is close to the stream. The bottom of this area is very marshy and is being allowed to grow as a marsh habitat. Once we have established which species grow here we will finalise our management plan for this area.

In other areas of the churchyard the grass is cut regularly but is not close mown. This allows low growing plants to flower and thrive. Pathways through the churchyard will be closely mown.

The churchyard maintenance plan is drawn up based on advice from the Council for the Care of Churches and local wildlife organisations. It is designed to be beneficial to the local environment and a pleasant reflective place for the congregation and visitors to the churchyard.

If you have any queries or concerns about the management of the churchyard please speak to Mary Hallett.

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