

Caring for God's Acre



*I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls
the burial ground God's Acre!*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



The conservation charity devoted to all burial grounds





YEWS

Notable Yews	300 to 700 years old
Veteran Yews	500 to 1200 years old
Ancient Yews	at least 800 years old, no known upper limit





P

Grave
Yard

Vicarage

B.M.
652.2

St George's
Church
(Vicarage)

663

Hand

F.B.
Causeway

15





































Biodiversity

‘Plants and animals are essential for sustaining the ecosystems that give us food, fuel, health and wealth. As Christians we are called to care for our God-given creation. Churches and their churchyards are an important part of the diverse natural habitat of England’.

www.churchofengland.org





What You Can Do



European Protected Species

Key species to consider

Bats – all species

Dormouse

Great crested newt



Species Protected by British Law

Key species to consider

Wild Birds – including nests and eggs

Reptiles – adder, slow worm, lizard, grass snake,
lizard

Veteran trees

Badgers



Local Wildlife Sites











Look after walls



Look after lichens



Habitat Creation:

Stone piles

Compost bays

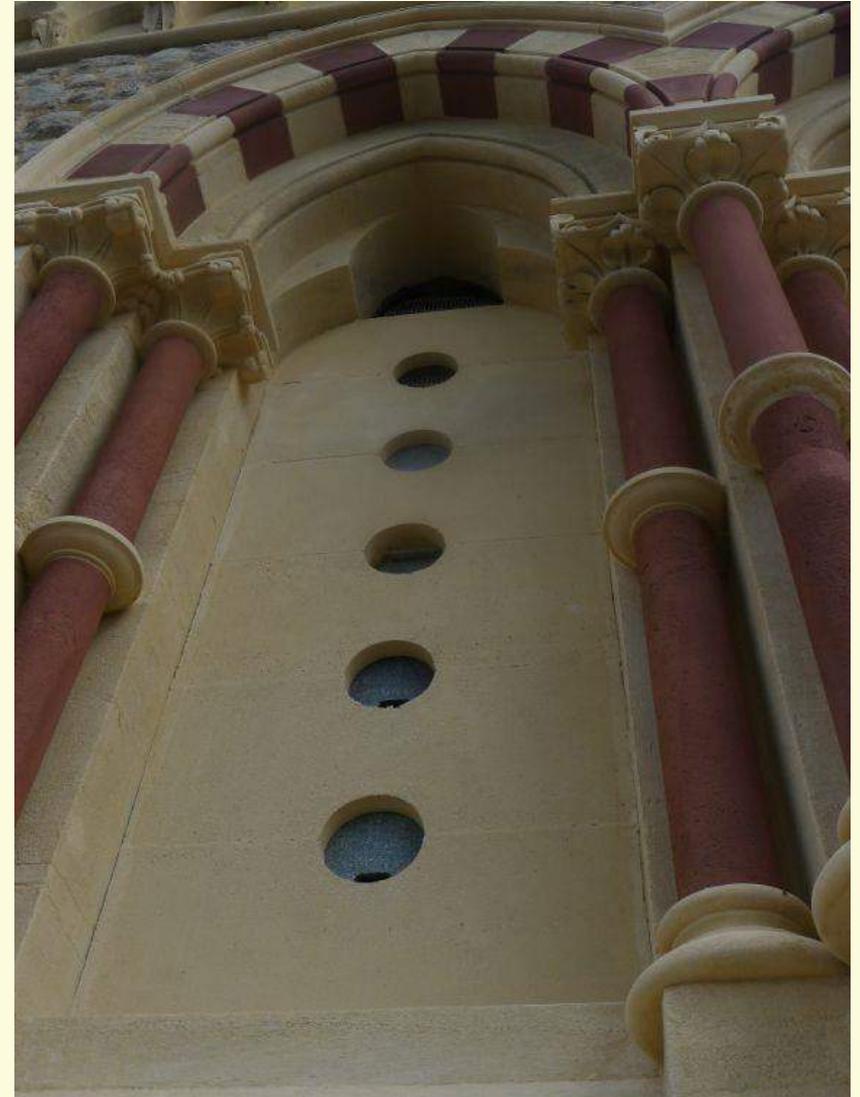
Bird and bat boxes

Deadwood piles

Green hay

Bug hotels





Reaching People













What We Can Do



The Beautiful Burial Ground

Project to create a burial ground data system giving the holistic picture of the wealth of these amazing places

Four year project across England and Wales

Encourage recording by existing groups and enthusiasts



Encourage people to have a go and
take the first steps in recording





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Share Your Records

GET INVOLVED WITH RECORDING

Burial grounds are poorly understood in terms of their biodiversity relative to the wider countryside. They are not seen as places that can be visited without permission and their interest is often not recognised as a result – despite a few exceptional sites being known. The Beautiful Burial Ground project will make it easier for recorders to submit records for burial grounds, display summaries of burial ground data, use the data to highlight sites worthy of recognition as Local Wildlife Sites, and display data on the National Biodiversity Network Atlas and Church Heritage Record.

Complete the following form with your records, or [click here](#) to contribute a single record. Download our [CfGA recording form helpsheet](#), [view a help video here](#), or watch below.



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New feature. After adding a species, click the +/- button which appears at the right hand end of the row to show and hide attributes that do not fit on the row.

What Did You See?

Where Was It?

The records you enter using this form will be added to the **Beautiful Burial Grounds - Churchyards and Cemeteries** group.

Date:



NBN Burial Ground Portal

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Search the Caring for God's Acre NBN Atlas to discover more about the ecology of burial grounds near you

Search the NBN Atlas Beautiful Burial Ground 

SEARCH

Find a burial ground survey near you



SUBMIT A RECORD



ANALYSE DATA

Undertake your own analytics of Atlas data



Individual Church Species List

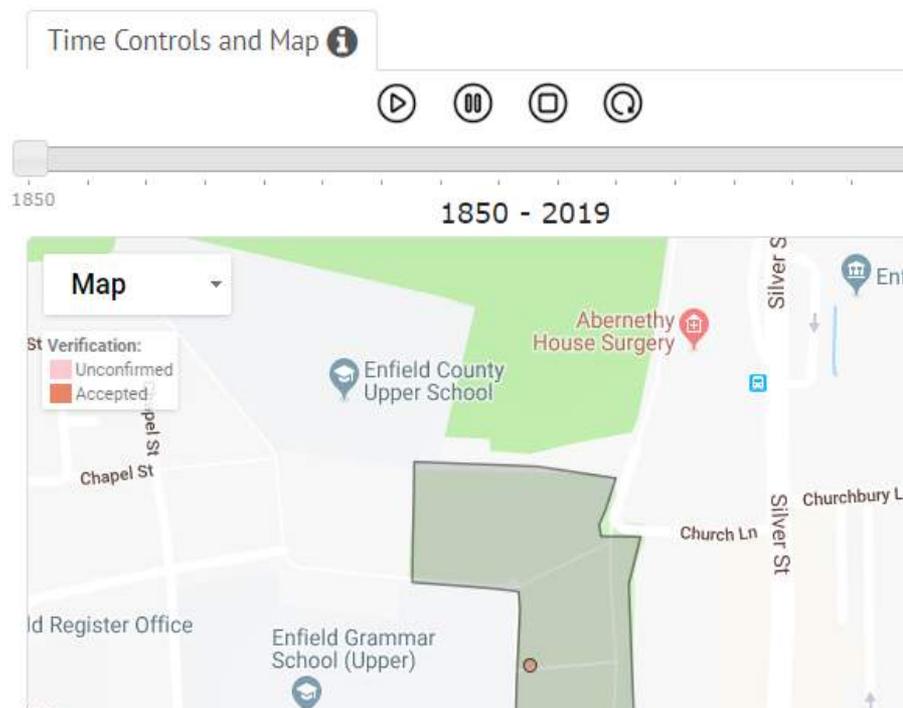
St Andrew's Church St Andrew Enfield

OCCURRENCE RECORDS (14)

Explore by species

Explore by taxonomy

Group	Species	Records
▼ All Species		
> Mammals	1. Acer pseudoplatanus : Sycamore	1
> Birds	2. Aesculus hippocastanum : Horse-Chestnut	1
> Insects	3. Catalpa bignonioides : Indian-bean-tree	1
> Amphibians	4. Cedrus atlantica : Atlas Cedar	1
> Reptiles	5. Cedrus libani : Cedar of Lebanon	1
> Fishes	6. Corylus colurna : Turkish Hazel	1
> Molluscs	Species Profile List of Records	
> Crustaceans	7. Crataegus monogyna : Hawthorn	1
> Myriapods	8. Cupressus macrocarpa x Xanthocyparis nootkatensis - X Cuprocyparis leylandii : Leyland Cypress	1
> SpidersAndAllies	9. Fraxinus excelsior : Ash	1
> Worms	10. Ilex aquifolium : Holly	1
> Fungi	11. Pinus nigra : Austrian Pine	1
> Plants	12. Prunus domestica : Wild Plum	1
	13. Quercus robur : Pedunculata Oak	1



New Fields on Church Heritage Record

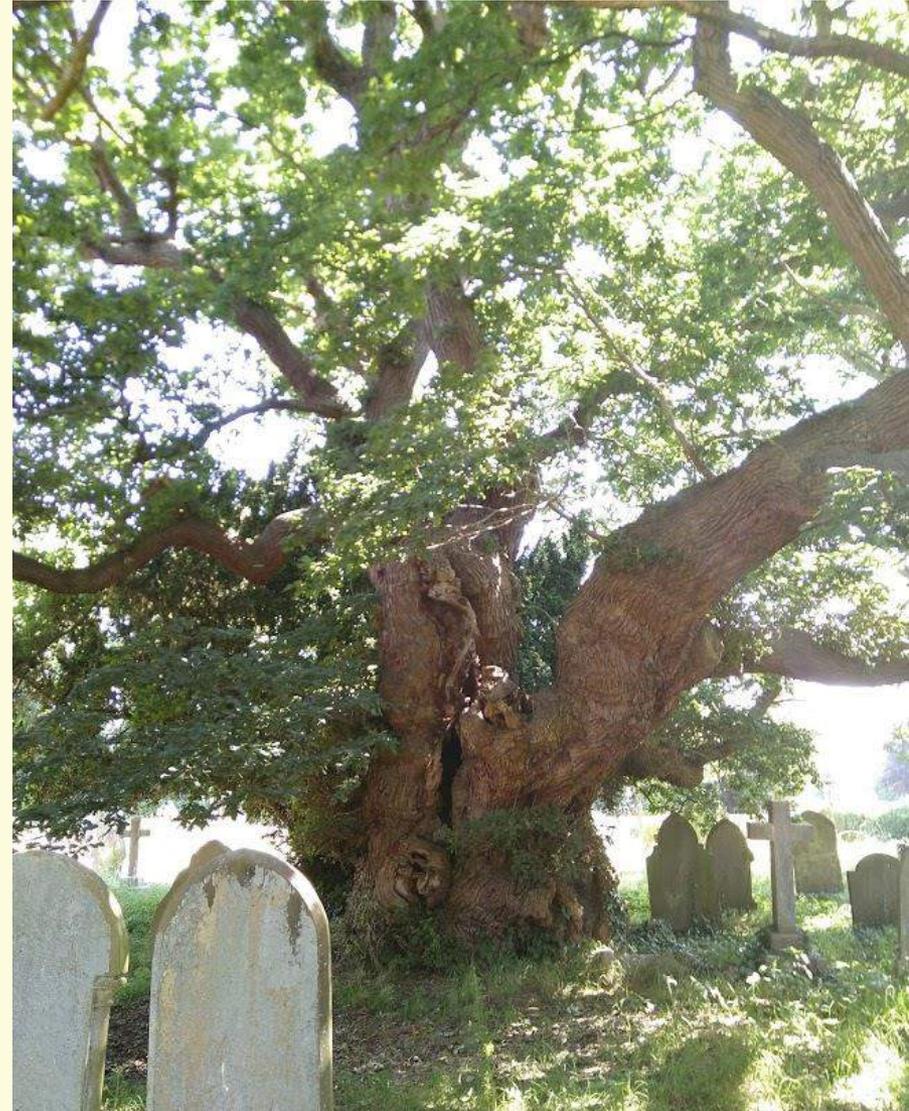
Veteran & Ancient Trees

Key Protected Species

Swift

Hedgehog

Designations



Other Support





Five Steps



STEP ONE

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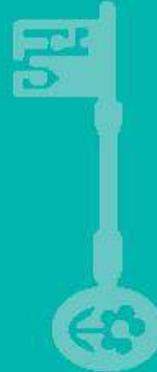
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PROTECTING WILDLIFE
PRESERVING HERITAGE
INVOLVING PEOPLE

Churchyard and Burial Ground Action Pack

Create a haven for wildlife,
for heritage, for people



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INVOLVING PEOPLE

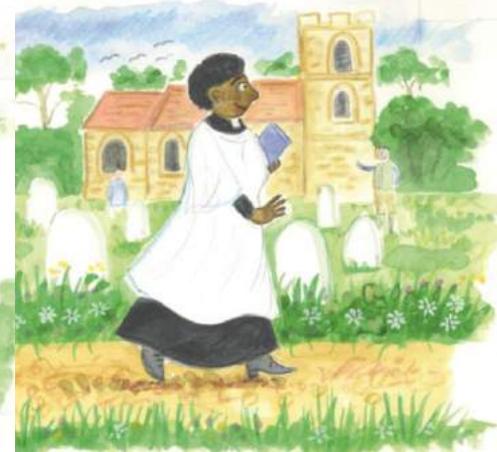
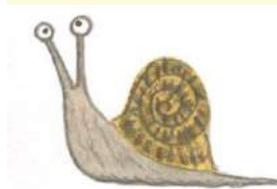
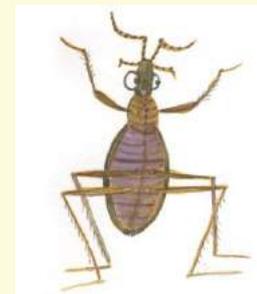
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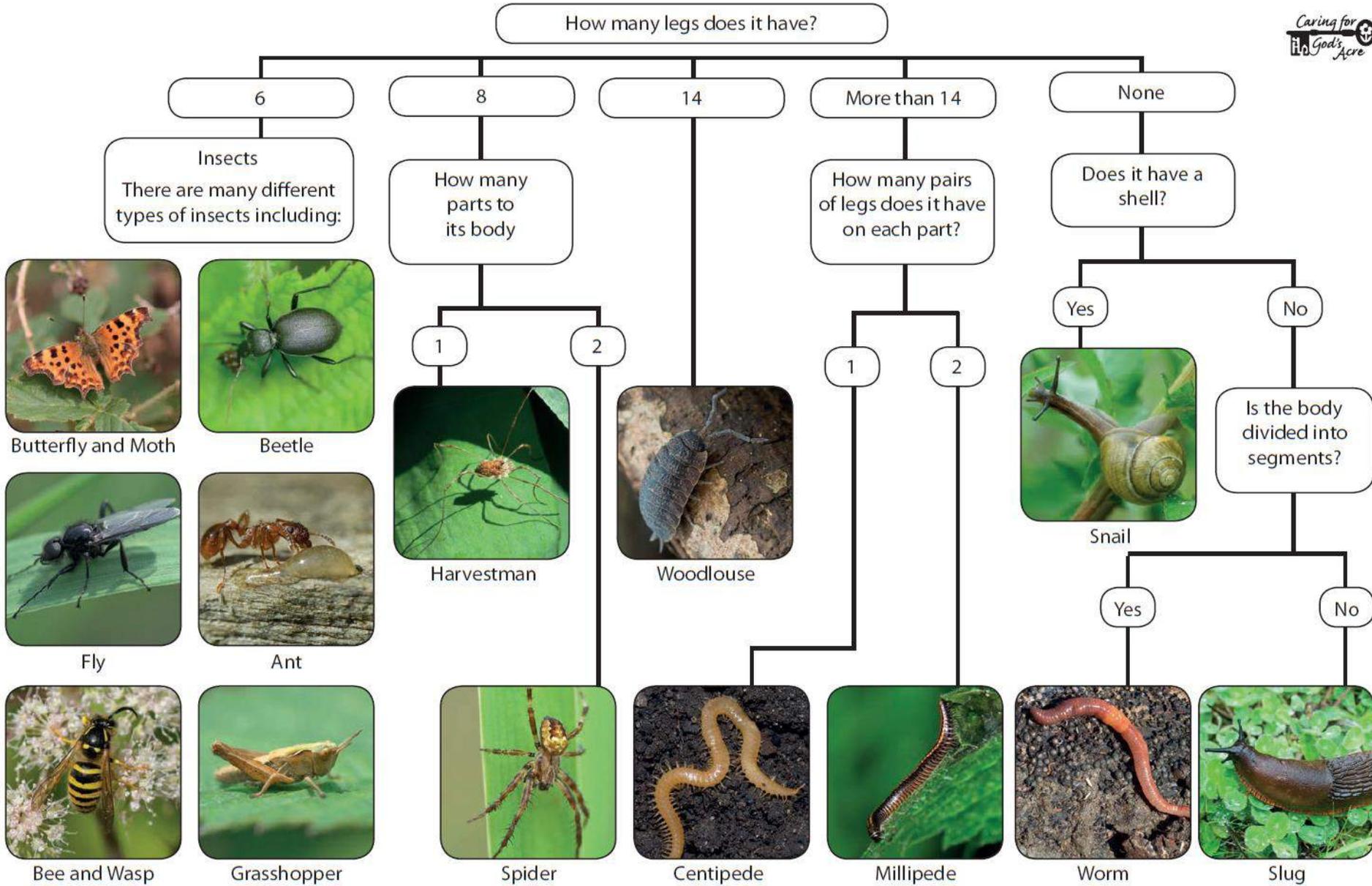
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USEFUL CONTACTS



Minibeast Identification Key





Thank you

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