

Progress report: CHURCHYARDS & CEMETERIES (adopted 2004)

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OBJECTIVES	Target	Progress with Targets (based on progress with actions reported between 2005-7)	Target Progress	Progress Summary	Plan Progress	HBA status *
A. To raise awareness of the importance, rarity and fragility of the biodiversity within churchyards and cemeteries and overcome a perception of untidiness and disrespect.	2004 onwards	Some progress (on schedule) Promoted by the Divine Inspiration project in the Diocese of Coventry. Oldberrow is a much-visited example.	↑	This plan is important because affects a habitat present in almost every parish. Progress with all targets is positive, though very limited in extent so far for C.	↑	No data
B. To encourage sympathetic management of 50 churchyards and cemeteries by advising on management.	By 2008	Some progress (on schedule) Enquiries have been received from 5 churches following distribution of the Parish BAP. A churchyard conservation project has been approved by Clifford Chambers PCC for a trial six months.	↑			
C. To investigate churchyards as a source of local provenance seed for spreading into the wider countryside, especially in connection with the re-creation of species-rich hay meadows through agri-environment schemes	By 2006	Some progress (behind schedule) Achieved at Oldberrow where the haycut from the churchyard is a source of seed for 2 local farmers' meadows.	slight ↑			
D. To ensure protection of any remaining species-rich churchyards and cemeteries as SINC's (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) or SSSIs (Site of Scientific Interest) by referring to 1984/5 churchyard survey and Habitat Biodiversity Audit and any resurvey work	By 2008	Some progress (on schedule) In progress through Wildlife Sites Project.	↑			
E. To encourage their use as an educational resource	Ongoing	Target achieved. Promoted by distribution of the Parish BAP	↑			