

The Beautiful Burial Ground

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Protecting Wildlife, Preserving Heritage, Involving People



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3 Features of Particular Importance

Yew trees

Lichens

Unimproved, species-rich grassland





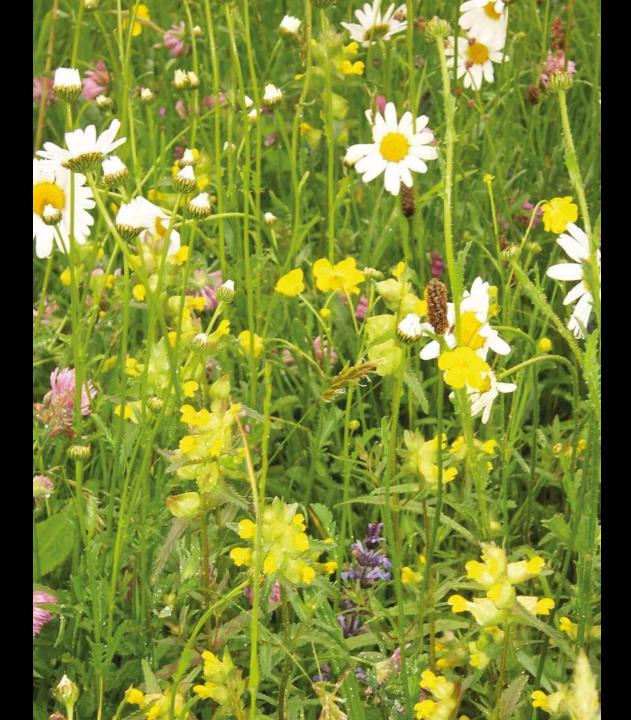
Notable Yews - 300 to 700 years old

• Veteran Yews - 500 to 1200 years old

 Ancient Yews - at least 800 years old, no known upper limit

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Provided grass cuttings have been collected and removed; most burial grounds contain species rich grassland, regardless of the grass length.





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, just starting development



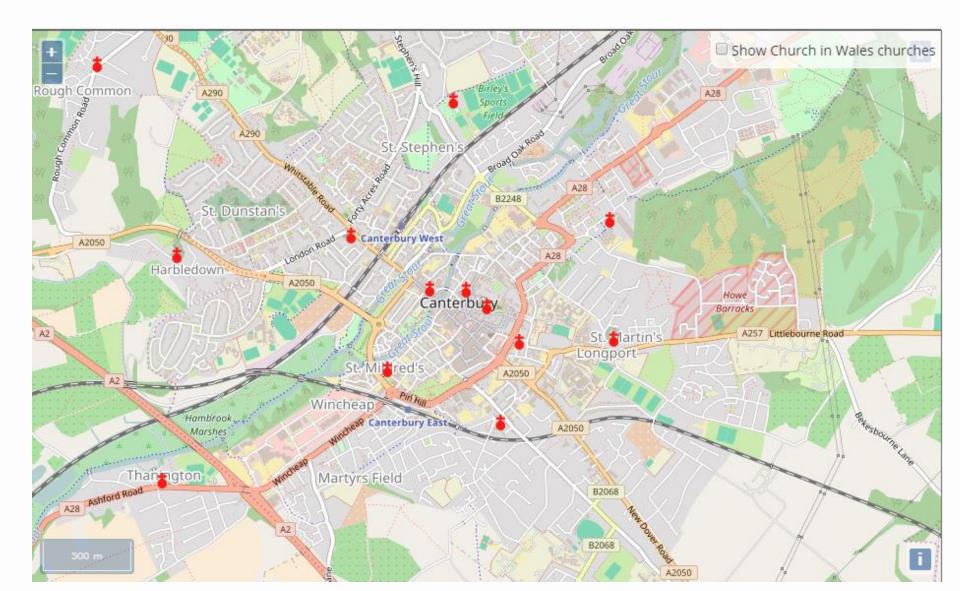


 Database including an interactive map of burial sites; with biological records linked to specific sites

• Links with other databases and initiatives



Church Heritage Record





Encourage recording of biodiversity, built and cultural heritage by existing groups and enthusiasts



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

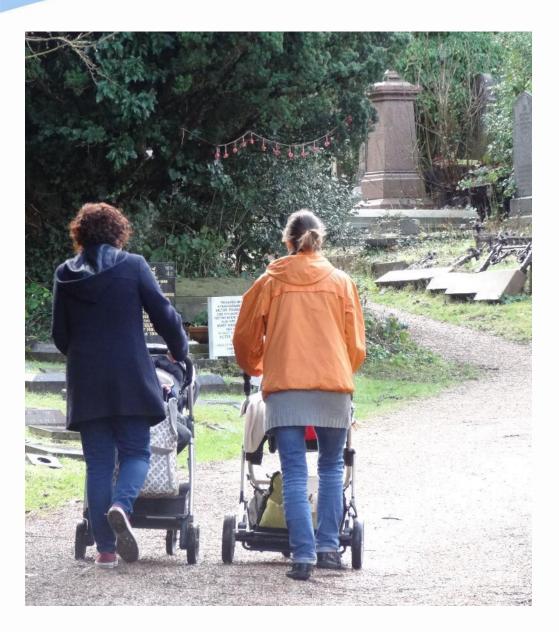






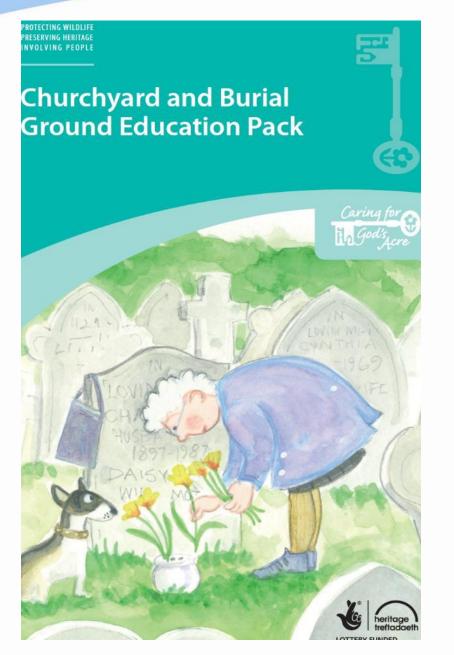






Involve families plus those with limited mobility and mental health issues





Precious Places

What's the Story

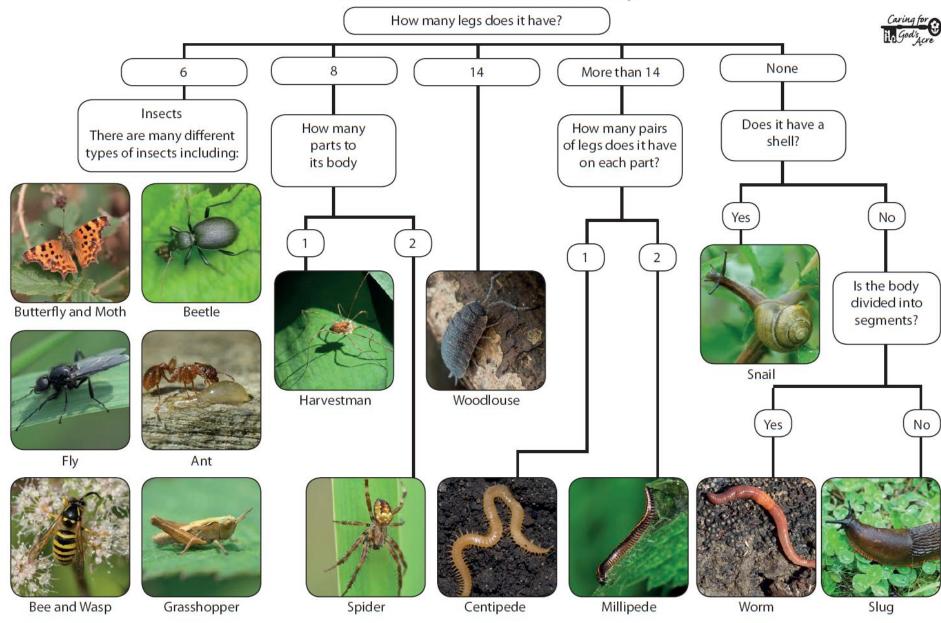
Marvellous Monuments

Wildlife Safari

Art and Architecture

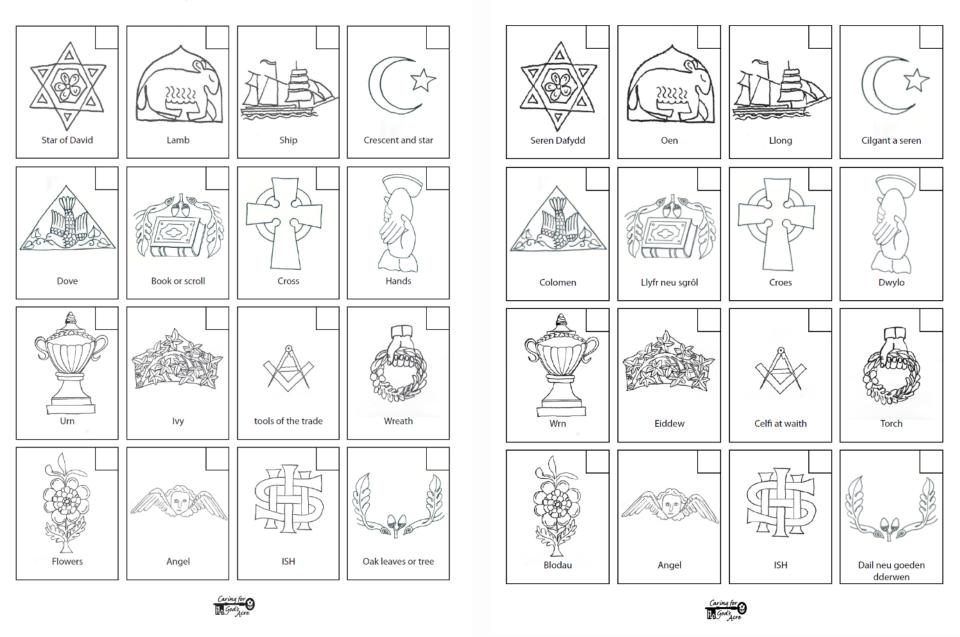
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Minibeast Identification Key



Signs and Symbols Scavenger Hunt

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Outcomes



- Know how valuable burial grounds are nationally
- Communicate this and raise awareness
- Encourage holistic understanding & interpretation
- Encourage holistic management
- Generate new volunteers and enthusiasts

