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St Lawrence Churchyard Mowing Plan

The Churchyard contains 110 species of plant. The mowing regime has been designed to create conditions suitable for plants to flower and seed and to provide a variety of habitats where insects can thrive. These creatures will, in turn, provide food for birds and small mammals.

Area 1 and Area 3

Contains a variety of summer flowers.

Cut to 2" once every 2-3 weeks until end of May, removing cuttings. Leave uncut until mid to late August (depending on growth), then cut to 2" and remove cuttings. Cut as necessary once a month until end of growing season. (Certain parts of Area 1 may need cutting between June and August to maintain appearance for weddings).

Area 2

Short grass.

Cut once every 2 weeks during growing season (depending on rate of growth) to 1.5-2" and remove cuttings.

Area 4 and Area 4A (bank)

Medium length grass.

Cut once every 4 weeks during growing season to 2-3". Leave clumps of flowers intact until completion of flowering. Leave ant hills intact.

Area 5

Build 2 bay compost bin for green waste from Churchyard.

Plants and Animals

Area 1 contains field scabious, lady's bedstraw, hoary plantain, burnet saxifrage, red clover, yarrow, germander, speedwell, hawkbit etc.

Area 2 contains few plants of botanical interest.

Area 3 contains many flowers but not as many as area 1.

Area 4 contains oxeye daisy, selfheal, cranesbills etc.

Area 5 is hidden from view and receives little sunlight. The compost encourages toads, slow worms and hedgehogs.

Walls support ferns, ivy leaved toadflax, wall rue and pellitory of the wall. The ivy can cause damage by growing between the bricks, so excessive growth to be removed periodically. It is to be retained to support holly blue butterflies, commas and red admirals.

Tree seedlings to be removed to prevent damage to graves.

Graves are of many different types. Kerbs provide shelter for snails, lizards etc. Thrushes can find snails and something to break them on. The stones are home to lichens which form a colourful mosaic but do no damage.

Cuckoo flowers are one of the 100 key species listed by BBONT. Once located they are to be cut round until the end of June.