



Caring for your churchyard

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The Octagon, Lillington

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Responsibility

- PCC or Local Authority
- Open Spaces Act 1906
- Order in Council
- Rights of Way and access
- Health and safety

Permissions

- Faculty/List B consent
- Planning Permission
- Conservation Area Consent
- Listed Building Consent
- Ancient Monuments Consent
- Advertisement Regulations



Burials

- The right to burial
- Reservation of grave spaces
- Burial rules
- Reuse of grave spaces
- Closing churchyards
- Exhumation



Monuments & Memorials

- Churchyard Regulations

<http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/ChurchBuildings/Memorials>



Churchyard Structures



Walls and fences



Bier sheds and stores



**Church halls
and rooms**



Lych gates



Paths



Benches



Noticeboards



Unusual structures



Trees

- Know what you have
- Understand how they should be cared for
 - **List A**
Lopping and topping of dying/dead trees
Removal of self seeded trees
Works to trees of less than 75mm DBH
 - **List B**
Works to trees larger than 75mm DBH
Felling of dying/dead/dangerous tree
Planting new trees
Surgery to a living tree
 - **Faculty**
Felling of a healthy tree



http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/ChurchBuildings/DAC_Trees

Archaeology





**O passenger, pray list and catch
Our sighs and piteous groans,
Half stifled in this jumbled patch
Of wrenched memorial stones!**

**We late-lamented, resting here,
Are mixed to human jam,
And each to each exclaims in fear,
'I know not which I am!'**

**Where we are huddled none can trace,
And if our names remain,
They pave some path or porch or place
Where we have never lain!**

'The Levelled Churchyard' – Thomas Hardy

Churchyard Management Plan

- Improves budgeting ability
- Highlights churchyard policy to community
- Keeps churchyard safe and in good order
- Enables special characteristics and features of churchyard to be retained and conserved

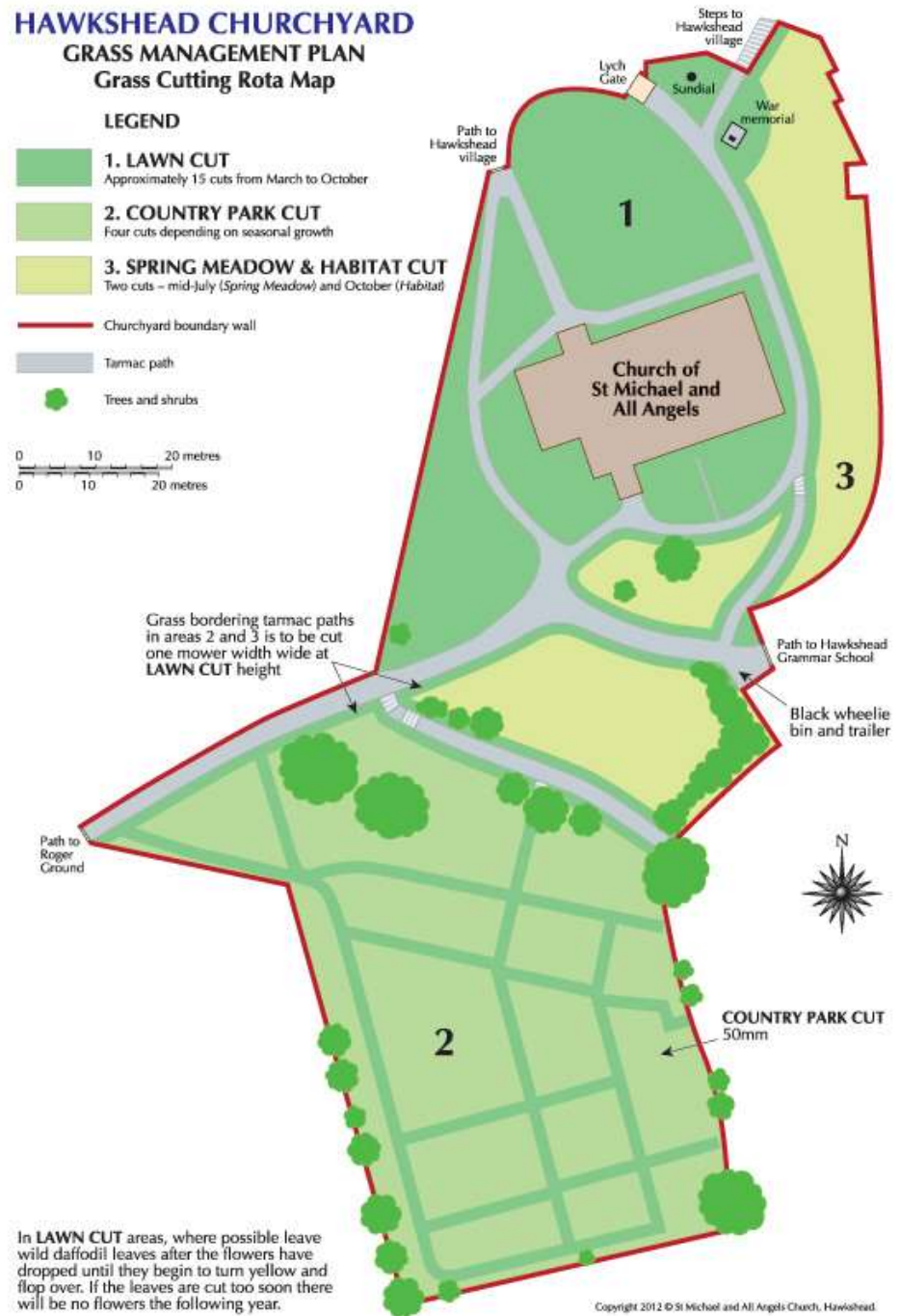
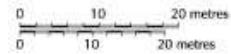
- Map
- Survey information
- History of Churchyard
- Description of different habitats
- Aims
- Action Plan
- Needs/Requirements

HAWKSHEAD CHURCHYARD GRASS MANAGEMENT PLAN Grass Cutting Rota Map

LEGEND

- 1. LAWN CUT**
Approximately 15 cuts from March to October
- 2. COUNTRY PARK CUT**
Four cuts depending on seasonal growth
- 3. SPRING MEADOW & HABITAT CUT**
Two cuts – mid-July (Spring Meadow) and October (Habitat)

- Churchyard boundary wall
- Tarmac path
- Trees and shrubs



In LAWN CUT areas, where possible leave wild daffodil leaves after the flowers have dropped until they begin to turn yellow and flop over. If the leaves are cut too soon there will be no flowers the following year.

Useful Contacts

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- Diocesan Website

<http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/ChurchBuildings>

- Churchcare Website

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/guidance-advice/all-guidance-notes>

- Caring for God's Acre

<http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>