

Living Churchyards

Managing God's Acre in Devon

How do you manage your churchyard to benefit the environment, the community and your ministry?

Churchyards are not just communities of the dead; they are thoughtful places, reflecting the impact of time on humankind and our efforts to escape oblivion. They are expressions of history – full of personal and community stories.

They are also peaceful havens for wildlife, containing old and distinctive trees, wildflowers, lichens, rare fungi, mosses and ferns and provide food and shelter for many animals including small mammals, amphibians, slow worms, insects and birds. Overall, they make an important contribution to the local environment and to the quality of life of the local community.

Churchyards are one of the most enduring features of the Devon landscape and are a very powerful symbol of shelter and sustainability in our culture.

The Devon Living Churchyards Project (DLCP) is an Exeter Diocesan initiative which recognises that as stewards of creation our Christian vision is for a just and ecological future.



DLCP works in active partnership with other denominations and environmental organisations such as the Devon Wildlife Trust and Caring for God's Acre. For further details see www.dclp.org.uk or contact David Curry david.curry@arocha.org or telephone 01392 294940.