



# Northamptonshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme

Name of Village:

Name of Church:

Name of Contact:

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Email: .....Tel: .....

Which award would you like to apply for—Bronze, Silver or Gold? (See Award Criteria leaflet for further information).....

Please provide information regarding how your churchyard is good for wildlife, how it is managed and what wildlife has been seen. The information you provide, whether photographs, a short profile/leaflet or records of wildlife will be used by the judges when we visit. Useful information to include is:

- **Your grass cutting regime;** do you mow at a variety of times, leave flowers to seed before cutting and how do you dispose of mowings?
- **Planting;** any recent planting of trees, shrubs or other plants.
- **Habitat;** do you have bird, bat, insect boxes or log piles? Are gravel kerbs and headstones left in place to protect lichens?
- **Information;** any plans displayed for visitors or an information leaflet to show how the churchyard is looked after for wildlife.
- **Who;** how many people (and who) are involved with the care of the churchyard. For example, local schools, youth clubs or other organisations. Is the churchyard used for any teaching purposes?
- Have you visited any other conservation churchyards?

The judges visit each churchyard and graveyard entered and try to meet members of the PC or PCC to offer advice and discuss problems - often suggesting ways in which costs can be reduced. So, if you think your churchyard is good for wildlife or would like advice on how to make it better, why not enter? All you have to do is complete the entry form which will give you some idea of the things the judges look at, whilst telling them something about what you are doing in your churchyard. When complete, send with an entry fee of £5.00 payable to 'The Wildlife Trust' to The Wildlife Trust, Lings House, off Lings Way, Billing Lings, Northampton, NN3 8BE.

**Preferred date for the judges to visit — spring, summer or no preference?**

The closing date for entries is: **2nd March 2018.**