



Wildlife Trust for
**Beds, Cambs
& Northants**

Northamptonshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme Entry Form

Thank you for your interest in the Northamptonshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme! We invite you to participate by completing the following entry form, which will provide valuable insights into how your churchyard promotes wildlife and its management practices. Your submission will help showcase your dedication to preserving and enhancing biodiversity in churchyards.

Name of Village/Town:

Name of Church/Cemetery:

Name of Contact:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Which award would you like to apply for?

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Bronze

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Silver

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Gold

(See Award Criteria leaflet for further information)

The judges visit each churchyard and graveyard entry and try to meet the members of a 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 will look at, whilst telling them something about what you are doing in your churchyard. When complete send an entry fee of £5 payable to The Wildlife Trust at the address at the bottom of the page. If sending via email you can make a BACS transfer instead - bank details will be sent with this application form. Please let Lisa know when you have done this so we can match it up via our finance team. The closing date for the entry is the 6th March 2026.

Preferred visit date:

Please indicate your preferred season for the judges to visit your churchyard:

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Spring

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Summer

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No preference



Please provide the following information regarding how your churchyard is good for wildlife, how it is managed, and what wildlife has been observed. The details you provide, including photographs, profiles/leaflets, or wildlife records, will be used by the judges when they visit. Your participation in this form will help showcase your efforts in churchyard wildlife conservation.

Churchyard Information:

Grass cutting regime:

Describe your grass cutting regime: Do you mow at a variety of times? Do you leave flowers to seed before cutting? How do you dispose of mowings?

Planting:

Have there been any recent plantings of trees, shrubs, or other plants in the churchyard?



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Habitat:

Do you have any of the following in the churchyard; Water feature, bird, bat or insect boxes, static log piles or a compost heap? Are gravel kerbs and headstones left in place to protect lichens?

Information:

Are there any plans displayed for visitors or an information leaflet that shows how the churchyard is looked after for wildlife?

People involved:

How many people, including organizations such as local schools, youth clubs, or other groups, are involved in the care of the churchyard?

Is the churchyard used for any teaching purposes?



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Other conservation churchyards:

Have you visited any other conservation churchyards?

Is there anything else not already covered that you'd like to mention in your application?

Completion and Submission:

Once completed, please email the application form to northamptonshire@wildlifebcn.org with a BACS payment or mail it to the following address with a cheque:

The Wildlife Trust, The Manor House, Broad Street, Great Cambourne, Cambs, CB23 6DH

Data Usage Consent: By participating in the Churchyards Awards Scheme and submitting this form, you consent to the use of the provided data for administering your participation. For more information on how we use your data, please refer to our privacy policy at wildlifebcn.org/privacy.

Thank you for your participation in the Churchyards Awards Scheme. We appreciate your efforts in churchyard wildlife conservation.