Church of St Laurence, Priddy

The Church of St Laurence, Priddy is making progress in increasing the value of their churchyard for wildlife. They have two wildflower areas which host a variety of wildflower species, including cowslip, common knapweed, bird's-foot-trefoil, lady's bedstraw and betony.

Actions we have taken to conserve and/or increase the value of our churchyard for wildlife

We have two wildflower areas which started out as grassland with many species already present but previously closely mown throughout the summer. They are now allowed to flower and seed every year and are cut and managed appropriately with cuttings removed.

Species and habitats found in our churchyard

Wildflower meadow

Trees

Insects

Wildflower short mown turf

Hedges

Compost piles

Dry stone walls

Butterflies

Fungi

Wildflowers - cowslip, common knapweed, birds's-foot-trefoil, lady's bedstraw

Lichens

Ferns

How we have raised awareness in our community

The original project involved many people from the community, and there is support for the continued management of the wildlife areas. Visitors to the area find the wildflower areas peaceful and inspirational.

Key lessons we have learnt

- **Be realistic** about what you can achieve with the people and resources you have
- **Start with smaller, easily managed projects** - increasing the value of the churchyard to wildlife takes time and effort
- **Engage as broadly as possible with the community** - if you start with too much ambition you may find people drop by the wayside as too much commitment is required, and people have very busy lives!

Get involved or find out more…

This information was provided by Glenda Collier, a Church of St Laurence, Priddy community member.

If you would like to get involved in the Church of St Laurence, or get in touch with Glenda to find out more about her experiences at the churchyard, please email teamwilder@somersetwildlife.org.

If you would like to find out more about how to get your churchyard/other church land/burial ground involved in Wilder Churches, please visit our website, where you can find a variety of resources including a series of online training sessions.

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