



Awards

We have achieved the bronze award for the Wildlife Trust Churchyard Conservation scheme.

Once our recent improvements have had a year to take effect, we will be able to apply for the Silver award.


What's planned?

We will be opening up the path from Hunslet Lane to the church lawn to encourage people away from the meadow, where we will be sowing more wild flower species. This should also prevent damage to existing plants such as the six Bee Orchids found recently.

We will be purchasing bird feeders with some of the Barclaycard grant and would like YOU to adopt one, regularly checking and refilling it, particularly through the colder months.

St Benedict's is hosting the annual Wildlife Trust in October.

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What has been happening since our last newsletter?



Cleaning and kitchen

We now use all eco friendly products for cleaning and washing up. Jacqueline Hughes has kindly take responsibility for keeping supplies available so please let her know if something is needed.

Carolyn Runc keeps tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits and milk stocked and buys Fair Trade products as much as possible. All church groups can use these supplies so please don't buy in for events or groups without consulting her first and do let her know if anything is running low. This is to prevent waste and duplication.

Janet Selling continues to wash the tea towels.

A smaller table has been placed in the kitchen to give access to the hand washing basin and recycling bins. Keith Dunkley has fitted the soap dispenser.

Building

We are buying our gas and electricity from Octopus Energy, as they offer supplies from more economical and sustainable sources.



Grounds

Work has been carried out on the memorial garden to extend it, make it more accessible and to provide seating. Flower beds at the front of the church have been replanted with herbs to provide an insect and bee friendly area. Our thanks to the benefactors who made this work financially possible and to those who continue to work to keep these areas clean and tidy.



Our Girl Guides maintaining the memorial garden

The scouts using microscopes to looking at mine-beasts!



We have, with lots of community help, built a dead hedge and bug hotels to encourage more wildlife. Many thanks to Barclaycard volunteers, St Benedict's Guiding Groups & 49th Northampton Scouting group.