## Preface



## This Action Pack has a wealth of information to help with the sensitive management of your local churchyard, cemetery or burial ground.

There are guidelines on the management of wildlife habitats such as grassland and trees, and features such as lychgates, boundary walls and old stonework. You will also find information on how to involve others and how to make use of these places for learning and community activity.

The Action Pack covers a wide range of subjects so that it can be dipped into to answer questions, both large and small:

- What can our volunteers do to keep trees healthy and safe?
- Which is the best section of grassland to mow short and which to leave to grow longer?
- How can we encourage more animals such as birds and butterflies to visit our site?
- What activities could we offer for young people?

Alternatively, the comprehensive information in this Action Pack can lead you to become involved in a special community project, based on your local churchyard or burial ground.

Whatever management methods you choose for your burial site this Action Pack will guide you through what's best for 'protecting wildlife, preserving heritage and involving people'.

Whether it's used to support a full-scale community project or for advice, as and when required, we hope that you find the Caring for God's Acre Action Pack helpful.

And please remember to let us know how you are getting on with the management of your local churchyard or burial ground.

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