Development Stage survey questions

Please use this link to access the survey and submit by Tuesday 7ᵗʰ May 2024:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoventryDioceseChurchyard

1. Can you confirm your parish's commitment to participating in the Churchyard Biodiversity and Heritage Project?

   Yes   No   Yes, but not yet

   Comments: If 'Yes' or 'Not Yet', please add your church's name, churchyard address and postcode here.

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2. If any part of the churchyard is not in the ownership of the church, please explain here (e.g. areas now managed by the local authority or affected by covenants or restrictions).

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3. The name of your District Council and Parish Council (if applicable):

4. The name of your parish priest or incumbent:

5. Name and email address of the lead contact for this project. The lead contact can be changed at any time.

   Name: Email:

6. What is the approximate size of your churchyard or grounds in square metres or hectares?

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7. Approximately how many graves are there in your churchyard?

   0   1-10   11-20   21-50   51-100   101-200
   Over 200

8. Is your churchyard open to the public?

   Yes   No

9. Are there any opening restrictions or barriers to access, including physical or accessibility issues such as steps or uneven surfacing? If yes, please explain in the comments box.

Yes   No

Comments: Please explain any restrictions or barriers: ……………………………………………………………

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10. Is your church covered by any of the following? If yes, please state the name of the plan in the comments box.
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Parish Plan
- Conservation Area
- Landscape Plan
- Townscape Plan
- Local Wildlife Site
- other designation

You may find this information here: https://magic.defra.gov.uk/

Comments: ………

11. Please summarise briefly any heritage in your church or churchyard and why it is important. Heritage can be aesthetic, artistic, architectural, historic, landscape, geological, habitat, species, scientific or social/community.

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12. Have any heritage or nature surveys been carried out? Please give details in the comments box.

Yes   No   Don't know

Comments: Details of heritage or nature surveys: ………………………………………………………………………

13. Is any of your church building heritage or natural heritage at risk or under threat? Please give details in the comment box.

Yes   No   Don't know

Comments: Details of church building heritage or nature heritage threats

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14. If resources were no barrier, please indicate the suitability/ importance of the following **physical interventions** to improve biodiversity/ heritage and engage your community.
1 = extremely important, 5 = not at all important

	1	2	3	4	5

Native tree/ shrub/ hedge planting					
Wild flower seed or plug planting					
Managing as a wildflower meadow					
Fruit trees					
Bug hotels, bat, bird, owl boxes etc					
Making graves and monuments more accessible					
Footpath surfacing					
A wildlife garden or memorial garden					
Other (please specify below)					

Other: ………

15. If resources were no barrier, please indicate the suitability/ importance of the following **activities** to improve biodiversity/ heritage and engage your community.
   1 = extremely important, 5 = not at all important

	1	2	3	4	5
Children's & adults self-guided trails					
Craft activities					
Historical research/ genealogy					
Easter/ Christmas/ Harvest events					
Displays & exhibitions					
Talks					
Biodiversity skills workshops					
School visits					
Nature surveys e.g. 'Churches Count on Nature'					
On-site information boards & signs					
Digital outcomes e.g. web site, Augmented or Virtual Reality experiences					
Social media communication					
Newsletter communication					
Other (please specify below)					

Comments: ………

16. Please indicate the importance of the possible *learning or skills* below to your parish or community.
   1 = extremely important, 5 = not at all important

	1	2	3	4	5
Preparing churchyard management plans					
Maintaining digital media & resources e.g. web site, social media, AR/VR, aps etc					
Community engagement & communication					
Managing different wildlife habitats					
Making bird & bat boxes & bug hotels etc					
Propagating rare species					
Conducting nature surveys					
Heritage research					
Managing and encouraging volunteers					
Planning & managing events					
Other (please specify below)					

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17. Approximately how many weekly visitors does your church and churchyard attract now, including church members, walkers, dog walkers, villagers, cyclists etc?

1-10   11-25   26-50   51-100   101-200
201-500 501-1,000 1,001-5,000 Over 5,000

18. With help from paid facilitators and specialists, please estimate the lowest and highest numbers of individuals you think could be engaged weekly when this project is at its peak, including schools. *'Engagement' includes volunteering, churchyard visitors, dog walkers,, those attending events or activities (e.g. workshops, talks, trails etc) and people accessing information digitally (e.g. from an app, web site or digital installation).*

	Lowest	Highest
1-10		
11-25		
26-50		
51-100		
101-200		
201-500		
501-1,000		
1,001-5,000		
Over 5,000		

19. Assuming all costs are covered by the project, what do you see as the main barriers to involving your church and parish communities in this project and how could barriers be overcome?

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20. Please indicate the potential importance of this project in securing the future sustainability of your church and wider community as a whole.
1 = Extremely important, 5 = not at all important

Extremely important   Very important   Somewhat important   Not so important

Not at all important

21. Please list any marginalised or excluded groups in your community who you think might like to engage with this project (e.g. schools, care homes, neuro-diverse groups).

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22. What are your hopes for project participants, for your church, and for your community, when this project is underway or completed?

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23. Could your church promote and publicise a simple survey to church members, residents, schools and other local groups about their skills and interests? Please say in the comments box what methods you might use?

Yes   No   Don't know

Comments:
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24. Name and contact details of the person completing this survey:

Name:

Email:

Phone: