

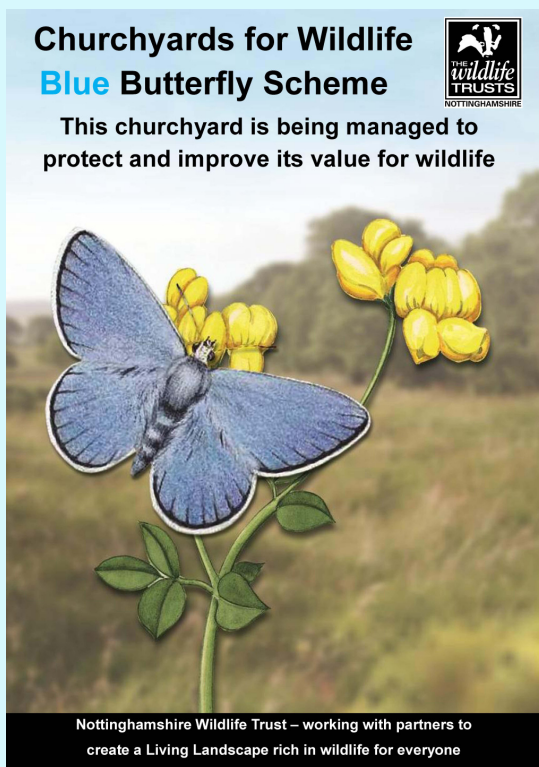
Churchyards for Wildlife

Blue Butterfly Scheme



Churchyards can be extremely important places for wildlife. Even in towns and cities, churchyards provide a quiet refuge for wildlife, away from houses and streets. In rural parishes, churchyards can often be one of the few patches of uncultivated land, untouched by chemical fertilisers and pesticides.

It is estimated that since the 1930s, 97% of the flower-rich grassland once widespread in the countryside has vanished. Many churchyards still have areas of ancient species-rich grasslands and other habitats which provide an important refuge for the many different species of plants and animals.



Management of churchyards for wildlife has benefits not just for wildlife but also for the local community. A project to keep the churchyard wildlife-friendly can encourage interest in the church and its surroundings by parishioners and visitors. It can also encourage local involvement in the management of the churchyard, and provide a unique educational opportunity for people of all ages to learn about our natural and cultural heritage.

Through the **Churchyards for Wildlife** scheme, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is working with Nottinghamshire churches to manage the important wildlife habitats found within churchyards, keeping them in great condition for both people and wildlife.

For a fee of only **£100**, our **Churchyards for Wildlife** scheme can benefit you by:

- An initial Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust visit to your churchyard.
- Production of a short report detailing recommendations of how to manage your churchyard for wildlife.
- Ongoing advice and useful contacts for the first two years.
- A Churchyards for Wildlife – Blue Butterfly accreditation plaque (see opposite).
- Regular issues of the Wildlife On Your Doorstep newsletter.
- Automatic entry for your churchyard into the annual Wildlife On Your Doorstep awards.

For more details, please contact the Conservation Team on 0115 958 8242 or email askconservation@nottswt.co.uk



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