

Nature of God's Acre Questionnaire



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The Nature of God's Acre is a project which seeks to investigate the relationship between nature and spirituality in churchyards across Sussex. The project is focussing on the churchyard and the exterior of the church, but not the interior of the church.

Please help us with our survey by filling in this simple questionnaire, which is also available online.

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Q1 **Please provide the following details.** *This information will only be used for the purpose of this survey.*

Name of Church

Name of Parish

**Your home
postcode**

Q2 **Which age category are you in?**

Under 18

18-35

36-55

56-75

76-90

90+

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Q3 **If you attend church, do you ever visit the churchyard? If yes, please indicate how often.** *Please select one response only.*

- Every day
- More than twice a week
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Every year
- Other, please detail

Further details:

Q4 **Do you find that you tend to visit the churchyard more at a particular time of year?** *Please tick all that apply.*

- Winter (December - February)
- Spring (March - May)
- Summer (June - August)
- Autumn (September - November)
- Equally all year
- No particular time

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Q5 **Why do you make your visit to the churchyard?** *Please tick all that apply.*

- To visit the grave of a loved one
- To enjoy a peaceful moment
- To enjoy nature
- For contemplation / prayer
- To go for a walk
- While visiting the church (for religious reasons)
- While visiting the church (for historical or architectural reasons)

Q6 **Please choose three words that best illustrate what you feel when you are in the churchyard, ranked in order of importance** *(1=most important).*

1

2

3

Churchyards can often be rich in nature, such as birds, animals and wild flowers.

Q7 **When you visit your churchyard, have you noticed the wildlife?**

Yes

No

Q8 **What type of wildlife particularly catches your eye when you visit the churchyard?** *Please rank them from 1 (most catches your eye) to 7 (least catches your eye).*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Birds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wild flowers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Butterflies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other insects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mosses and lichens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Toadstools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other, please specify	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Further details:

Q9 **What type of wildlife do you most enjoy seeing when you visit the churchyard?** *Please rank them from 1 (most enjoy) to 7 (least enjoy).*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Birds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wild flowers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Butterflies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other insects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mosses and lichens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Toadstools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other, please specify	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Further details:

Q10 **When you see wildlife in the churchyard, how does it make you feel?**

	Strongly disagree	Mildly disagree	Neutral	Mildly agree	Strongly agree
Happy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relaxed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peaceful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A spiritual feeling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thoughtful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contemplative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Angry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q11 **Is there enough wildlife in your churchyard?** *Please select one response only.*

- Enough
- Not enough
- Too much

Q12 **If you would like to see more wildlife in your churchyard, please indicate which ones you would like to see more of.** *Please select all that apply.*

- Birds
- Trees
- Wild flowers
- Butterflies
- Other insects
- Mosses and lichens
- Toadstools
- Other, please specify

Further details:

Q14 **Do you value the presence of wildlife when visiting the churchyard for each of the following.**

	Strongly disagree	Mildly disagree	Neutral	Mildly agree	Strongly agree
Contemplation / Prayer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visiting the grave of a loved one	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enjoying a peaceful moment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q15 **If you agreed with any of the options in Q14, how does this make the experience different?**

Q16 **We would like to undertake a selection of informal face to face and telephone conversations to further explore these themes in a little more detail. If you would be happy to participate please write your name and a contact telephone number / email address below. *This information will not be used for any other purpose.***

Many thanks for your time.

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