

ASSF – MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CHURCH GROUNDS – approved

Area	Purpose	Initial work to achieve purpose	Ongoing maintenance needed	Ongoing responsibility
Front grassed area	At present, a tidy green setting for the front of the church with 2 fastigate flowering cherry trees. The area could be the setting for seasonal 'tableaux' at Christmas and Easter	Area by the binstore has negligible topsoil and grass grows very weakly. Excavate, place 150mm topsoil and re-seed. Action – Grounds team	Fortnightly mowing during the growing season – cuttings removed from site	Grass cutting - Contractor
Brick planters church entrance	An attractive colourful feature at the church entrance	Re-bed missing brick. Action – AT-S and team	Periodic weeding	David and Lynne W
Shrubbery by Hub windows	An attractive colourful feature on the Hub frontage – plus a source of fragrance for lavender bags	Non-required	Periodic pruning	David and Lynne W
Garden of Remembrance	An attractive place for the burial of ashes and for sitting in quiet remembrance	Construct raised timber planter for roses. Action – Grounds team	Fortnightly mowing during season – cuttings removed from site	Tubs and planter - David and Lynne W Grass - Contractor
Raised beds by bin store	Intended to be used by Uniformed Organisations. Only one has been. Martin and Keith have planted fruit /veg and are keen to look after these beds	No major work required	Planting, weeding, harvesting	Keith Thompson Martin O'Leary
Border along drive	No current purpose. Recently cleared of Alchemilla and mares tails. E-C Group suggests planting a hedge with berries	Plant hedge of cotoneaster or berberis	Annual or Biennial pruning	Grounds Team or Ian Robertson who has been weeding
Courtyard garden	Outdoor play area for Ventures Location for mini-greenhouse and bug hotel - to be looked after by Ventures	Instal bug hotel	Fortnightly mowing of grass during the growing season. Look after bug hotel	Grass – Contractor Shrub area - Ian R Bug hotel - Ventures
Flower arrangers' garden	To provide a source of greenery for flower arrangements in church	Non-required	Periodic pruning	Flower arrangers
Field playing area	To provide outdoor activity area for Uniformed Organisations and Ventures	Non-required	Fortnightly mowing during season – cuttings removed from site	Contractor
Border along Lupton Drive gardens	Eco-Church Group suggest planting soft fruit – black/red currants, gooseberries	Propagate from cuttings. Turn turf over. Plant cuttings	Annual pruning, Collect fruit!	Grounds Team
No-mow area around field and in orchard	To increase bio-diversity in our grounds	Non-required	Grass cutting short in March and late October	Contractor
Shrubbery by hall rear entrance	To provide an attractive feature at the rear hall entrance	Non-required	Periodic pruning and weeding	David and Lynne W

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Orchard	To enjoy blossom in the Spring To grow apples, pears and plums Fruit or juice to be sold to raise funds for environmental charity Educational resource for Ventures Backdrop for open-air services	Nothing further required	Annual pruning, Harvesting and processing fruit 'Fruit open days' to be arranged – Work with Ventures on education	Grounds Team
Grass strip along carpark	To provide 'over-run' area for vehicle manoeuvring	Non-required	Fortnightly mowing during the growing season	Contractor
Far end flower bed	To provide an attractive feature at the end of the carpark	Non-required	Periodic weeding	Ian Robertson
Wild flower area (front)	To increase bio-diversity in our grounds To create an attractive setting for contemplation and fellowship	Non-required	Annual sowing of cornflower and other annuals Mowing in March / late Sept	Grounds Team
Grass path with benches	To provide access to benches and enjoyment of the wild flowers, ponds and herb garden	Non-required	Fortnightly mowing during the growing season – cuttings removed from site	Contractor
Wild flower area (rear)	To increase bio-diversity in our grounds and create an attractive setting for contemplation and fellowship	Install hedgehog house	Stopping woolly aphids on trees Annual sowing of cornflower etc Mowing in March / late Sept	Grounds Team
Mini-ponds	To increase bio-diversity in our grounds To enhance the experience of sitting in the wild flower garden	Nothing further required	Minor maintenance and monitoring	Chris Williams
Herb garden	To enhance the experience of sitting in the wild flower garden To produce herbs for free distribution	Complete herb planting and add signage	Harvesting and distribution of herbs Periodic pruning	Open Table congregation
Border to 'new' carpark	To provide an attractive border to the carpark – daffodils and other perennials	Non-required		Ian Robertson
Compost bins and area behind garage	To compost waste from the grounds Compost for flowers/trees/bushes	Nothing further required	Regular turning of compost Periodic cutting back of brambles	Grounds Team
Bee area	To provide secure location for beehives 50% of honey to be offered to keepers. Rest sold for environmental charity	Keith Thompson is keen to install another hive to be looked after by himself as apprentice beekeeper	Continual management of bees Periodic cutting back brambles	Bees – Angela Falconer and Keith Thompson
Nesting boxes	To encourage bio-diversity and interest	Instal boxes in position		
Bird feeders	To encourage bio-diversity and add interest	Possibly relocate feeding station	Keep feeders stocked – all year round	Kathleen Z