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‘The Beautiful Burial Ground’
Foy, Herefordshire
on the banks of the River Wye
Urban churchyard
A Victorian cemetery
Westall Park Natural Burial Ground
Scything training

Caring for trees
Conservation management

Surveys
Management plans
Doing work at the right time with the right tools
Purchase for £15

£12 for CfGA members
Five topics

Precious Places
What’s the Story?
Marvellous Monuments
Wildlife Safari
Art and Architecture

For learning in:

Key Stage 1 and 2,
Early Years Foundation Stage

Activities for Scouts and guides
John Muir Award
DVD’s
CASE STUDIES
SKILLS TRAINING
HELPLINE
THIS IS GOD'S ACRE
‘I learnt that Remembrance Sunday is a time to be silent for two minutes and remember the people from our town who died’

*Comment following a school visit*
Little Malvern Priory

A 12th century Benedictine priory
Brookwood Cemetery, the London necropolis
Natural Burial Ground
Historic man-made features.
Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM’s)

- stone crosses
- lychgates
- mausolea
- bier houses
Indian style chattri –
the memorial to Rajah Rammohun Roy
Arnos Vale, Bristol
Monuments and memorials

Symbols
Epitaph to the parish grave digger
1795
(Kingsbridge, Devon)

Here I lie at the chapel door,
Here I lie because I’m poor
The farther in the more you’ll pay,
Here lie I as warm as they.
The Family History Societies have resources for re-searching genealogy

www.lwmfhs.org.uk

London Westminster & Middlesex Family History Society
Geology of the stones
Hambledon, Surrey

Symbols of everlasting life - a piece of yew wood was buried with the deceased

Ash from burnt yew was used on Good Friday

Yew branches were used in Palm Sunday procession
Ancient Yew at Much Marcle, Herefordshire

Claimed to be 1500 yrs old
From around the time of the legendary Celtic King - King Arthur
Candlemas Day, February 2nd
The festival of light, which marked the midpoint of winter.
Lent lilies
Buddhist Stupa
Crumpsall Jewish Cemetery, Manchester

‘The Beautiful Burial Ground’
Annual Church Fete
Stalls, Music, Activities
Archery Practice - encouraged in Medieval times from boyhood.

Butts were placed in the churchyard.

Church-Ales - brewed and sold in the churchyard
Church embroidered panel inspired by nature
A living sanctuary for wildlife
Lindisfarne churchyard
100+ grasses, flowers, ferns and rushes
Betony
Harebell
Bird’s Foot Trefoil
Hawkbits
Bridgnorth cemetery
A potential Local Nature Reserve
Pink Meadow Waxcap
*Hygrocybe calypttriformis*

Known as the ‘Ballerina’
CONSERVATION STATUS: **RED**

**BECAUSE** of Recent Breeding Population Decline (1969-2007)

Conservation status of species in UK are listed as either **RED**, **AMBER** or **GREEN**
‘minute, self-maintaining gardens that provide a natural cladding for the stone’
Mosses, Liverworts and Ferns
Brittle bladderfern
*Cystopteris fragilis*
The dramatic decline in populations of most species of bumblebee, and the extinction of two species in the UK, show that something needs to be done.

Bumblebee Conservation Trust
Decorating the churchyard well

Discovering small mammals
Volunteers repair a lime-mortared chapel wall
Outdoor learning for all ages

Mask making
natural materials

We’ve found a wood mouse!
What’s that flower?

Geology of the stones
"Enabled me to have an enjoyable day outdoors learning new skills and making new friends". (Churchyard Volunteer)
Protecting wildlife
Preserving heritage
Involving people

Caring for God’s Acre is here to help