

Managing our Churchyards for Biodiversity and Nature Recovery

Led by: **Rebecca Charley**, Strategic Lead for Nature Recovery and Biodiversity Stroud District Council.

Tuesday 25th March 2025 10.00 am – 12 30 pm

Refreshments on arrival

10.30am Talk, questions, discussion and tour of the churchyard as well as a visit to the closed churchyard which is a five minute walk away and is managed by Stroud District Council.

Venue

St Mary's Church, Church Road, North Woodchester GL5 5DP

Parking: On-street in the surrounding area. Limited parking (about 3-4 cars) in the area immediately "behind" the church (ie adjacent to the west end) for disabled visitors and the west door provides step-free access into the church if needed. The church is also accessible from the cycle track between Dudbridge and Nailsworth - active travel is encouraged and there is a bike rack.

NB This is St Mary's church in North Woodchester, not to be confused with the RC Priory church in South Woodchester which is more visible from the A46

Rebecca will be joined by Megan Adamou from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who is working on churchyard management.

Topics we plan to address includes baseline assessments of our churchyards and grassland management.

If there is anything in particular you would like to cover, please let me know when you reply and then these other things can be picked up when we meet.

This morning event would be equally applicable to those churches not within the SDC district. If you know what there is in your churchyard at the moment then please come ready to share it. To help with planning please let me know you are coming.

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