

Eligibility

1. The Church has its own bank account with the required number of signatories.
2. The Church has charitable status.
3. The church is a member of the Church of England in the Diocese of Exeter, and, in terms of a constitution, abides by its laws.

4. Aims and objectives: The Church and Churchyard belong to everyone. It is a village place of worship and an amenity. Whether people attend or not it nevertheless is often their first port of call for rites of passage - baptisms, weddings and funerals. It is therefore important to keep the Churchyard in a dignified and kempt state as befits a graveyard. To keep it beautiful, peaceful and safe for people to visit their family graves, and also for funerals and for weddings. To adhere to the Diocese policy of encouraging wildlife by wilding an area of older graves for a period in summer. To encourage the village and school to enjoy its peace and charm and explore the eco areas. There are wildlife identification charts in the porch. The Church is a Grade I listed building, the Churchyard is medieval.

A grant to cover the mowing would help enormously and enable us to consider other resources for the churchyard. Mowing costs an annual sum of around £1,000.

Current year account, pdf attached: The Church has recently completed a project to make the building's facilities more modern and village friendly, with the completion of a server, exhibition space and assisted WC.

Financial statement 2024, pdf attached: The Churchyard mowing is under Church running expenses, the smaller amount under Church Grounds refers to lighting.

Forecast budget: The mowing costs increase slightly annually.

Independent examiner's report attached