

Sharrow's "Cutting Edge Conservation" Week

Churchyard Training at St John's 11th to 17th June

After a long, hard winter, fresh shoots of vitality are appearing in one corner of North Yorkshire. Volunteers from the conservation area at St John's, Sharrow have secured nearly £10,000 to fund their project, 'Cutting Edge Conservation'.

The project will see conservation professionals from across the UK working in Sharrow's award-winning wildflower meadow from the 11th-17th June 2018, sharing their expertise with volunteers, schoolchildren and community groups. Activities will focus on traditional conservation techniques but modern technologies will allow the workshops and speakers to be streamed to an audience across the world.



The project is headed by Beth Lonsdale, a conservation volunteer at St John's, with partners from the Lower Ure Conservation Trust, which manages Nosterfield Local Nature Reserve, and Caring for God's Acre, a national charity which promotes biodiversity in churchyards. The week is aimed at those who want to help improve biodiversity, whether it be in their gardens, street or local nature reserve. Workshops will include grass

scything, hay making and hedgelaying, whilst also providing an introduction to species identification, bird watching and moth trapping.

If you would like to find out more then please see conservation.stjohnssharow.org.uk for details or contact Joe Priestley on joseph.samuel.priestley@gmail.com.