



CONSERVATION WEEK AT SHAROW

Join us to discover how to turn your garden into a conservation area suitable for wildflowers, wildlife and wild new conservation techniques!

The churchyard at St John's Sharow has one golden rule: where burials are still visited, we tend the graves with care. Where graves are not visited, we return the land to nature and ensure that the burials sit within a stunning, award-winning conservation area.

During the last 25 years, the churchyard has won the Archbishop's Millennium Award for conservation, a Highly Commended from the Church Times for services to biodiversity and is due to be recognised as a County Wildlife Site (CWS). Preserving rare MG5 grassland, England's ancient haymeadows, the churchyard remains a central feature of the community it serves.

The week is designed to share learning and experiences from local, regional and national conservation charities and cater for everyone from absolute beginners to those wishing to build on existing expertise.

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CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

CUTTING EDGE CONSERVATION

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ST JOHN'S, SHAROW
JUNE 11TH - 17TH

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The scythe is making a comeback across the UK. At St John's, we are trialling its use in difficult to mow areas and in the wildflower meadow.

GREEN HAY

Are you wanting to start your own wildflower meadow? Well we at St John's have the raw ingredients to help you start something.

This year, our hay meadow will be cut on the 13th and 14th of July. You can collect your own seed-filled hay ready for spreading on bare earth. Unlike packet seed, this ensures that the plants are of local native provenance suitable for top-class meadows.



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Covering all aspects of conservation and how to manage grasslands, this week is free to attend.

MONDAY 10AM-4PM CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

How do you transform a churchyard into a haven for wildlife? Caring for God's Acre is the national charity with the know-how. Join us for a day of workshops and talks. Bring your own questions and experience too! Light lunch & refreshments included.

MONDAY 6.30PM WILDLIFE STORIES AT DUSK

Family fun as we join professional storyteller Eden Ballentyne under the owl tree to hear wonderful tales of owls. Learn all about these fantastic creatures with Joe, Heritage Learning Officer.

TUESDAY 10AM-4PM MANAGING FOR BIODIVERSITY

Join Simon Warwick of Lower Ure Conservation Trust to discuss transforming lawns into wildflower meadows! Martin Hammond, ecologist from NYCC, will be talking about the species you need. Light lunch & refreshments included.

TUESDAY 8.30PM BAT TALK AND BAT WALK

Get to know some of our fascinating nocturnal species with a talk from John Drewett, Chair of North Yorkshire Bat Group. We will then take to the churchyard to see if we can use our new-found knowledge to find some bats for ourselves!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM 6PM NOCTURNAL SPECIES

You probably didn't know that the national Moth Night runs from Thursday to Saturday? We'll be setting moth traps ready for Thursday morning, when we'll be recording and releasing moths live with Charles Fletcher, County Moth Recorder, assisted by Sharow Church of England Primary School.

THURSDAY

SCYTHING AND HAY MAKING WORKSHOP

Join Steve Tomlin for a day learning about the humble scythe, the conservation tool making a big comeback across the world. Spaces limited for workshops but free evening talk available for all.

THURSDAY FROM 7PM STEVE TOMLIN, CONSERVATIONIST

As spaces are limited for the daytime workshops, we thought we'd open up an evening introduction to scything and traditional conservation methods in the evening. Free for all to come, refreshments included.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY 10AM-4PM CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Putting it all into practice all we've learnt over the week. See the scythes at work and enjoy traditional crafts across the churchyard.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chance to put all we've learnt into action.

