

MULBARTON CHURCHYARD —

is adjacent to an ancient Common & both benefit from having been untouched by agriculture, apart from grazing, for hundreds of years.

Mulbarton Church is now an eco-church — part of a nationwide movement to encourage churches of all denominations to combat climate change, habitat loss, & other ~~issues~~ "green" issues.

As far as the Churchyard is concerned, NWT undertook a monthly survey last year & provided us with a species list & advice on management to improve biodiversity. Last year we cut & raked off the long grass from 2 designated nature areas in October, but we are now advised to do this in late July.

We have involved the local Ranges (~~Girl Guide~~ (senior Girl Guides)

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in making "bug hotels" & various local people have helped put up bird boxes.

~~We hope to keep the balance~~

A number of trees have been removed or trimmed & undiseased wood has ~~has~~ been used to make log piles & screening. We have added another compost bin to deal with discarded flowers, etc.

Hopefully we are achieving a balance between making areas where people tend graves tidy & ~~having~~ leaving other areas more wild to encourage the rich variety of plants & insects that have been identified to flourish.

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