

St John's Churchyard Grassland Plant Survey May to August 2011



St John's Churchyard is special for biodiversity with over 60 species of wild flowers and grasses.



Betony shows it
is an old
grassland



Devil's-bit Scabious grows with the
Betony near the compost heap.



Common Knapweed – good for bees



It is a special historical grassland because no fertilisers or pesticides have been used. Not many left!

Birds-foot-trefoil

Also called Eggs and bacon!



Mouse-ear hawkweed
has felty leaves like a mouse ear!



Good Hedgerow habitat on
east hedge bank



Hedge Bedstraw

Letting the plants flower has given food for butterflies and bumblebees.



Common Blue,
Male left,
female right .

The Caterpillars feed on
Birds- foot-trefoil and Red
Clover .



The churchyard is providing food for bumblebees to help pollinate our crops



What WE can do as a church:

- Rake off cut flowers and grasses to prevent fertilising the bad grasses which replace the special flowers and fine grasses.
- A few flower patches could be left for bees!
- Attend Churchyard Maintenance Days
- Collect seed to grow plants to sell and raise money for church?

