

# ALL GREEN AT ALL SAINTS

Back in 2016 the Friends of the Church committed to increasing diversity and public interest in our churchyard. Through various donations and hundreds of volunteer hours we have achieved a beautiful landscape with many different dimensions. The following projects are just a taster of the many schemes achieved.



- Creation of a communal Peace Garden and Labyrinth.
- Planting an Orchard with many heritage Apple species.
- Building on an already stunning spring flora display (with Snowdrops, Primroses, Daffodils, Lesser Celandine etc) we have created some new summer flowering meadows to continue providing nectar for Bees, Butterflies and other invertebrates.
- Native trees and shrubs species have been carefully chosen (with berries etc) and planted to blend in with the natural environment.
- Twenty nest stations have been installed for Birds and Bats including Swift boxes in the tower.
- Habitat piles (for Bugs) and Hibernaculum (brash mounds for Hedgehogs etc) are used to recycle and re-use natural wood debris.

This has resulted in.....

- A bronze (2017) and then silver (2018) award from the Northamptonshire Churchyard Conservation Award scheme.
- Becoming an important feature of the Natural Environment section within the Village Plan.
- A substantial reduction in fossil fuel usage (less grass cutting), herbicides and burning.
- Ten new bird and five new butterfly species.
- An increase in visitors. Many showing an interest in this how these conservation projects merges seamlessly with the Church's environment.



Easton on the Hill. March 2020.

