

The churchyard continues to be maintained by Ferns Gardens (Michael Pocock), with whom we have a contract, under which they provide a basic level of maintenance on a monthly scheduled basis. An additional strim of the Tryhorn Field was undertaken in the autumn so that it looked tidy during the winter months.

A number of work parties were organised to undertake certain other elements of maintenance. These were well attended and, dare we say, those who came generally enjoyed the mix of work and fellowship.

Once again high winds affected the trees in the 'New Churchyard', clearance of which was speedily undertaken by a band of volunteers who tend to enjoy the opportunity to use their chainsaws. Some additional work was undertaken to identify and deal with vulnerable trees.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, with our permission, installed an official sign at the Church gate to indicate the presence of War Graves in our Churchyard.

Special thanks are also due to June and David Cobham who have continued in the role of keeping the Churchyard clean and tidy.

The Victorian wall: Not identified as part of the QI, but discovered later when overgrown plants were removed, was a need to repair the Victorian wall between the old Churchyard and the Tryhorn field. We had planned to address the repairs in 2019 but this proved impossible. Until the repair has been completed no work should be undertaken within 6 feet of the wall without the agreement of the Churchwardens.

The Tryhorn Field is now steadily being used both for graves and for ashes. All users of the field are encouraged to take waste home with them, but it appears to be a lost cause.

The oak tree planted to commemorate the long service in and to the Parish by Leslie Virgo is looking nicely established.

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