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The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

Best Kept Churchyard Competition 2011

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Entries are invited for the 2011 Best Kept Churchyard Competition.

This competition looks to recognise and reward Churchyards in Essex which are well-managed, providing a peaceful haven for both humans and animals. We encourage entries from Churchyards of all denominations.

- **Does your Churchyard strike a balance between being an area of peace and contemplation whilst allowing nature to flourish?**
- **Do you actively encourage wildlife into your Churchyard?**
- **Do you have a team of volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain an attractive and welcoming Churchyard?**

Entries may be submitted by any organisation which is responsible for managing a Churchyard. If you are proud of your Churchyard and those who work in it then please consider entering this FREE competition. Three cash prizes of £150, £100 and £50 will be awarded to the winners.

Entries must be received by **Wednesday 8th April 2011**. Judging will take place in two stages between April and June. Winners will be announced at the RCCE AGM in July, where certificates and prizes will be awarded.

Entries may be received for any churchyard, whether or not your village has been entered in the RCCE Village of the Year and Best Kept Village competitions. Results will be posted on both the RCCE and Diocese of Chelmsford websites and magazines: www.chelmsford.anglican.org; www.essexrcc.org.uk

If you are not responsible for the Churchyard in your village, please pass this information and entry form on to the relevant organisation.

Entry Form on Reverse

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ENTRY FORM

Name of Church	
Name of Organisation managing the Churchyard	
Address of Church	
Name and address for correspondence	Postcode
Telephone number	
E-mail address	
Do you have a management map or plan?	YES / NO
If yes, is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy enclosed * <input type="checkbox"/> Available / on display in Church or Churchyard (please state location to assist judges)
Are there any special circumstances or problems that you feel should be taken into consideration?	
Have you made any particular improvements to your Churchyard in the last 2 years? <i>Eg water butt, seats, garden of remembrance, pathways</i>	
What special measures are in place to attract/encourage wildlife in your Churchyard? <i>Eg bird boxes, bat boxes, log piles, wild-flower area</i>	
Are there any information/ interpretation boards/leaflets available to visitors?	

Please return by Wednesday 8th April 2011 to: Sue Sheppard

RCCE, Threshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road, Feering, Essex CO5 9SE

A form can be downloaded from the RCCE website: www.essexrcc.org.uk and sent to Sue.sheppard@essexrcc.org.uk

* Please note that we are unfortunately unable to return copies of management plans which are submitted with applications.