

St Michael's Churchyard

Churchyards are among the relatively few areas where wild flowers can still grow in their natural form.

St Albans Diocese through the Living Churchyard Scheme (supported by Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust) is encouraging the development of wildlife areas in many of its churchyards. These are areas that are left uncut for about 8-12 weeks to allow some of the wild flowers in the area to flower and set seed and provide a nectar source for many insects including butterflies.

Here in St Michael's Churchyard, we are experimenting with four areas of the churchyard.



Self Heal



Pignut



Cat's Ear



Lesser Stitchwort



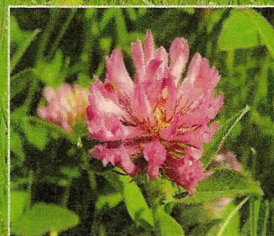
Sheep Sorrel flowers



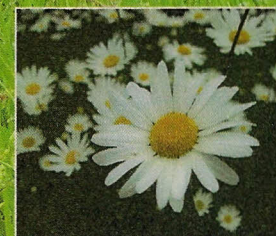
Sheep Sorrel leaves



Field Woodrush



Red Clover



Oxeye Daisy



Ribwort Plantain



Mouse Ear Hawkweed

Flowers to be found in the churchyard at different times of the year

Black Medick, Box, Bramble, Bristly Oxtongue, Burnet-Saxifrage, Cock's-Foot, Common Bird's Foot trefoil, Common Ragwort, Common Sorrel, Cow Parsley, Creeping Bent, Creeping Buttercup, Creeping Cinquefoil, Crested Dog's Tail, Daisy, Dandelion, Dove's-Foot Crane's-Bill, False Oat Grass, Germander Speedwell, Greater Celandine, Green Alkanet, Ground-Ivy, Groundsel, Herb Robert, Ivy Leaved Toadflax, Lady's Bedstraw, Lesser Trefoil, Meadow Buttercup, Meadow Foxtail, Oxeye Daisy, Perennial Rye-Grass, Red Campion, Red Clover, Red Fescue, Ribwort Plantain, Selfheal, Sheep Sorrel, Smooth Hawk's-Beard, Soft Brome, Sweet Vernal Grass, Vetch, White Clover, Wild Strawberry, Yarrow, Yellow Rattle, Yew, Yorkshire Fog