

St John's Church, Sharow

Using the Church
for evangelism and
work with young
people

Revd Ruth Newton



Award Winning Biodiverse Churchyard

Managed for ecological diversity
for over 30 years

Won Archbishop of Canterbury
Millennium Award

Highly Commended in Church
Times Green Award 2017

County Wildlife Site (SINC
status)



Special Features

MG5 Grassland

Medaow Saxifrage

Yellow Rattle

Ladies bedstraw

Good Friday Grass.

Wild Orchids



Deputy Warden (Churchyards)

Responsible for
maintenance

Workload is on
average 2 hours per
day.

Meets about 10 people
a day.



Church has received half a million pound from Heritage Lottery Funding

Despite being only 190 years old

Built Car park

Made Disabled Access to Church and Churchyard.

Reorder and Restored Church



Heritage Learning Officer

Maximise Visitor Numbers with particular reference to heritage.

£8000 per year

Worked to create connections

Organised schools days, Cherish your churchyard days



Partnerships

Nosterfield Wildlife
Site

York University

Open Country

Caring for God's Acre



Silhouette Soldiers

Temporary Instalations

Increased footfall by
300%

Increased attendance
at Remembrance
activities

Cost Neutral



Cherish your Churchyard Week

Bat Talk

Moth Counts

Scything workshops

School Visits

Visits from people
with learning
disabilities



Volunteering Opportunities



Eco-Church Award





What next?

Seeking funding of £8000 a year to fund an

Environmental Learning Officer.

Co-ordinate Volunteering Opportunities

Promote Churchyard





