

Underbarrow Church

Care of the Church Yard Grounds

July 2022

Dear fellow Underbarrow Parishioners,

What you see is what you see! I have tried to improve access to the graves and wildlife areas in both the north and south grounds by mowing and strimming paths, trimming overhanging branches and reining back brambles. The Community Workforce have also spent two good days strimming much of the tougher grass in all areas. I have also managed to get on top of moss and overgrowth on the paths and expose the edging on the main paths.

The wildflowers have flourished and attracted many different moths and butterflies. We did an audit using the 'Caring for God's Acre Wildflower Spotter's Guide and found many examples of over 2/3 of the Summer plants (<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/CfGA-Starter-Guide-2020.pdf>):

- Meadow Vetchling
- Self-Heal
- Betony
- Red Campion
- Oxeye Daisy
- Common Vetch
- Harebell
- Red Clover
- Buttercup
- Knapweed

And many more not in the guide, we have lots of Yellow Rattle in our garden so I will collect and scatter the seed shortly in the grounds.

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