

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – St Mary's Church Tysoe

Making Space for Nature in the Churchyard – update January 2026

The 'Making Space for Nature in Tysoe' initiative started in August 2019 with development of the dedicated wildlife area in the northern part of St Mary's Churchyard. A plan of the area is in the Appendix.

Trees and shrubs

The churchyard has a number of large conifer trees, including Yew and a spectacular Monkey Puzzle tree. There is also Holly, Ivy, Bramble and a lot of Elder bushes. The deciduous Spanish Chestnut tree is spectacular when in leaf/flower/fruit. It would be interesting to know who chose and planted these trees. There is a photo below of part of the northern side of the churchyard in the 1900s.



The schools at Tysoe showing the entrance pathway through the churchyard. 1900s

IMAGE LOCATION: Warwickshire County Record Office

A wildlife hedge was planted in winter 2020-21, beside the footpath between the churchyard and the school, with a selection of native species including Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Field Maple, Hazel, Crab Apple, Wild Pear, Buckthorn, Spindle, Wild Rose and Guelder Rose. The hedge will provide shelter and a source of food for birds and insects once it gets going. The Buckthorn was included as it is the foodplant of the caterpillars of the Brimstone Butterfly. In autumn 2025, the Hazel, Wild Rose, Blackthorn and Spindle produced nuts/fruits.



Wildflowers

The churchyard already supported several species of wildflower, including Primrose, Cow Parsley and Burdock (and in fact there is quite a long list of plants in the Appendix from surveys). There are bluebells, but they are the invasive Spanish bluebell. There is also a small amount of Lady's Bedstraw (fenced) by a gravestone.



In August 2019, two plots were prepared in the churchyard (northern part) and were sown with



Yellow Rattle and some green hay taken from the churchyard at Oldberrow [Oldberrow: St Mary's – Caring For](#)

[God's Acre – the conservation charity for burial grounds across the UK](#). The plots were scarified by David Bell, before the green hay was spread, to maximise exposure of bare soil and aid germination. The Yellow Rattle seed was collected at Admington Hall (with permission).

The plots are marked with chestnut palings provided by Colin Locke.



Green hay from Oldberrow has subsequently been spread (2024) on a plot beside the original plots, close to the church. In addition, the grass in a larger area beside the original plots was allowed to grow in 2025.



Cowslips have been planted in the two original wildflower plots. The plants were taken (with permission) from 'The Orchards' in Lower Tysoe prior to the development of Templar Close. They have multiplied well.



Wildflower seed and plants have been added to the wildflower areas subsequently and the plants that can be seen there include Wild Daffodil, Red Campion, Hogweed, Knapweed, Oxeye Daisy, Yellow Vetchling, Betony (to the left) and St John's Wort. Two species of orchid have appeared recently in areas where the grass has not been cut – Common Spotted Orchid and Pyramidal Orchid (to the right).



A small area of annual wildflowers has been established during a couple of summers. These need to be re-sown every year to get a good display.



On 7 June 2024, the Warwickshire Flora Group surveyed the churchyard and their records are in the Appendix.

Lichens

A survey of the churchyard lichens was undertaken by Di Napier on behalf of the Tysoe Heritage Research Group and her findings are here: 'St Mary's Church – an introductory lichen trail' [St Mary's Church – an introductory lichen trail – Tysoe Heritage Research Group](#).

Butterflies

Mike Slater from Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation surveyed the churchyard on 3rd July 2020 to identify actions that could be taken for butterflies. His summary is in the Appendix.

Following Mike's advice, some patches of nettles were left in summer 2021 for the caterpillars of Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral and Comma Butterflies and these continue to be left each year. There is now Buckthorn (new wildlife hedge) for the Brimstone Butterfly. There has always been a small amount of Lady's Smock – more evident where areas aren't mown in May - for the Orange Tip Butterfly. There are also a couple of largeish patches of brambles (Gatekeeper Butterfly) and some Common Sorrel (Small Copper Butterfly). Both Dove's Foot and Cut-leaved Cranesbill are present in the churchyard (Brown Argus). There is plenty of holly for Holly Blue Butterflies.



Increasing the area of uncut grass should help a number of species, and the churchyard butterflies should also be helped by the proximity of the wildflower verge in School Lane. There is a small amount of Bird's Foot Trefoil in School Lane (Common Blue Butterfly). This needs to be increased in both areas. Butterflies seen to date are most often Small White Butterflies, whose caterpillars feed on members of the cabbage family.

Some people probably see the nettles and brambles as 'weeds' but they do support wildlife and so some should remain. There is quite a lot of elder in the churchyard, but that also has value to wildlife. The flowers provide nectar for a variety of insects, and the berries are eaten by birds and mammals. Many moth caterpillars feed on elder foliage, including the White-Spotted Pug, Swallowtail, Dot Moth and Buff Ermine.

Birds

In addition to the wildflower areas, bird boxes (constructed by local children from kits made by David Bell) were installed in the churchyard in 2019. There are two bird feeders in the churchyard and two opposite the churchyard in School Lane. Birds seen in the area include Robin, Blue Tit, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Wood Pigeon.

Hedgehogs

A hedgehog bunker was installed in 2019. We do not know whether it has been occupied!

Dead hedge

A dead hedge was constructed in the churchyard in spring 2025 to take any waste woody material. Dead hedges can be used by all sorts of wildlife as a refuge.



Bats

Before repairs were made to the church tower in 2021, a bat survey was undertaken by Swift Ecology Ltd. The findings are summarized below.

- Brown Long-Eared Bat – a single bat was found in a crevice in the stone staircase in the tower in March 2021. Access for this bat may be the gaps around the door at the top of the tower but this was not confirmed.
- Soprano Pipistrelle Bat – at least one bat was using gaps behind the clock faces on the E, S and W sides. There were also droppings in the hole in the wall where the clock mechanism sits, suggesting that the bats may crawl through into the tower from there. One was videoed entering the tower via the doorway in the clock chamber – see below.
- There were lots of scattered bat droppings throughout the tower and some in the nave. A couple of faint *Myotis* species bat calls were recorded with detectors left in the tower, so there could be some more elusive bats elsewhere in the tower.
- On dusk and dawn surveys five bat species were recorded commuting and foraging in/around the churchyard: Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle (image to the right shows Soprano Pipistrelle entering the tower via the doorway in the clock chamber), Lesser Horseshoe Bat, Brown Long-Eared Bat and a probable Natterer's Bat.



The tower repairs were carried out carefully under a licence from Natural England to make sure no bats were harmed, and the bat roosts behind the clock faces were re-created when they were re-installed. All other identified roost locations and access points were unaffected. There is also a bat box in the churchyard that was put up at the start of works in case there was a need to relocate any bats.

Subsequently, members of the Warwickshire Bat Group led by Tricia Scott held a bat evening in the church and churchyard on 28th May 2022. About 50 people attended, including around a dozen children. Tricia gave a short talk and answered a good number of questions before everyone went outside with bat detectors to listen for local bats. Sadly, the weather was cool and breezy, not good for flying insects, and so the group didn't hear many bats, although there were Pipistrelles and a Myotis bat.

Thoughts for the future

The main aim should be to increase the numbers of insects and other invertebrates as food for other species (bats, birds), as pollinators, and for their own sake (e.g. butterflies/moths). This depends on maintaining a diversity of plants of all types to provide food and other resources for invertebrates.

Possible actions:

- Keep working to increase the diversity of wildflowers in the wildflower area and manage the grass in the whole area in a way that allows plants outside those areas to flourish e.g. Lady's Smock, orchids, Lady's Bedstraw.
- Try to establish some Garlic Mustard (under hedges/shrubs) for Orange Tip Butterflies.
- Likewise, keep improving the wildflower diversity in School Lane so that the whole area becomes a great habitat for a range of species.
- Find some spaces to plant a buddleia (to feed butterflies and as a focus for them), a winter honeysuckle (flowers very early – for early bees etc.) and a *Prunus cerasifera* (again for early insects). None of these are native species but they do fill a 'gap' in terms of feeding insects.
- Consider making a small basking site for butterflies in a sunny spot using some of the stone in the churchyard and plant suitable low growing plants. There is a large basking site at the Sunrising Burial Ground as an example.
- There are some great local examples of 'flower rich grassland' nearby including Radway Meadows and the verges on the lane between Pillerton Hersey and Walton. The target would be to achieve something like these for the churchyard and School Lane.
- Make a second 'dead hedge' – next to the first one.
- Maybe contemplate a 'mini-pond' – which for health and safety reasons would probably need to be in a large container. We're quite short of 'water habitats' in Tysoe and it would be interesting and might make a small difference.
- If anyone has a spare wooden seat, it would be great to have one in this area.
- More widely, for the parish, it would be good to apply for some funding for some monitoring equipment that could be used for events and maybe lent out. These would be bat detectors, trail cameras (hedgehogs, badgers etc) and a battery powered light trap for moths.

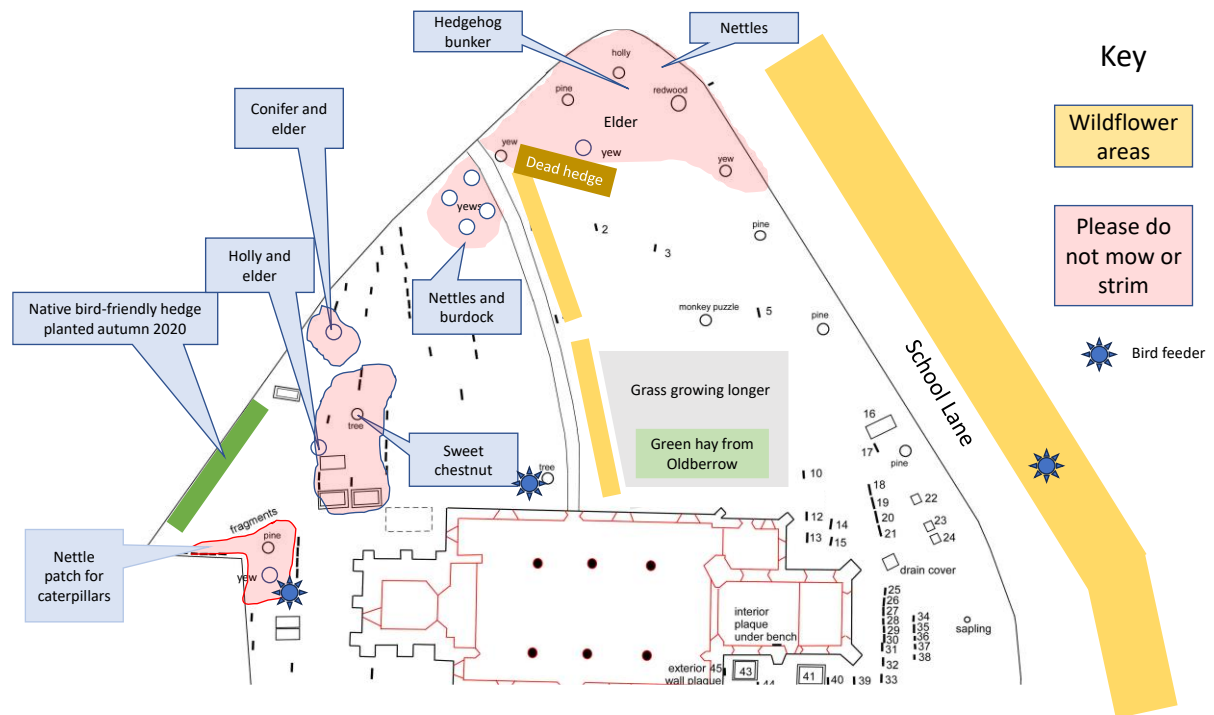
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Rosemary Collier, January 2026

Appendix

Plan of the churchyard showing wildlife areas



On 7 June 2024, the Warwickshire Flora Group visited the churchyard and below is what they found:

Warwickshire Flora Group	Middle Tysoe Churchyard	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Monika V. Walton, D. 07/06/2024	SP341443
Warwickshire Flora Group	Middle Tysoe Churchyard	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Monika V. Walton, D. 07/06/2024	SP341443
Warwickshire Flora Group	Middle Tysoe Churchyard	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Monika V. Walton, D. 07/06/2024	SP341443
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Warwickshire Flora Group	Middle Tysoe Churchyard	<i>Vulpia myuros</i>	Monika V. Walton, D. 07/06/2024	SP341443

Earlier records from the churchyard

Taxon group	Scientific name	Common Name	Location Name	Grid Reference	Event Date	Obs Comment
conifer	<i>Araucaria araucana</i>	Monkey-puzzle	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Everlasting-pea	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's-ear	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Atriplex patula</i>	Common Orache	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Taraxacum officinale agg.</i>	Dandelion	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground-ivy	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb-Robert	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>	Rosebay Willowherb	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>	Rosebay Willowherb	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	Smooth Hawk's-beard	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
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flowering plant	<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Thymus polytrichus	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Viola</i>	Violet	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead-nettle	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
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flowering plant	<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead-nettle	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	1984	Pre 1984 records.
flowering plant	<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Tysoe Churchyard	SP340444	11/07/1984	
flowering plant	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Middle Tysoe Churchard	SP341444	August 1978	Pre 1984 records.
terrestrial mammal	<i>Plecotus auritus</i>	Brown Long-eared Bat	St Mary's Church, Middle Tysoe	SP34094437	06/09/1996	Roost; droppings.
terrestrial mammal	<i>Pipistrellus</i>	Pipistrelle Bat	St Mary's Church, Middle Tysoe	SP34094437	06/09/1996	Roost in church porch - droppings.
bird	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Spotted Flycatcher	St Mary's Church, Middle Tysoe	SP34094437	25/06/2016	Nesting in the churchyard.

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Species	Abundance	Comment
Small Skipper	Uncommon	Found in long uncut grass areas
Essex Skipper	Uncommon	Found in long uncut grass areas
Large Skipper	Uncommon	Will increase as grassy areas increase
Brimstone	Frequent	Along Hedgerows on nectar sources Would increase if Buckthorn planted
Large White	Uncommon	Uses area for nectar
Small White	Uncommon	Uses area for nectar
Green-veined White	Uncommon	Would increase with more Lady's Smock and garlic Mustard
Orange Tip	Uncommon	Would increase with more Lady's Smock and garlic Mustard
Purple Hairstreak	Uncommon	Tops of Oak trees 18.30-19.30 hrs in July
Small Copper	Potential to colonise	Need Sorrels usually August/September
Brown Argus	Potential to colonise	Needs Doves-foot and Cut leaved Cranesbill
Common Blue	Potential to colonise	Needs Birdsfoot Trefoil or Black Meddick May be occasionally seen
Holly Blue	Uncommon	Around Holly
Red Admiral	Uncommon	Mainly after July Migrant using area for Nectar Maybe Nettles for breeding
Painted Lady	Uncommon	Mainly August/Sept using area for nectar
Small Tortoiseshell	Uncommon	Nettle Bed could be made suitable for breeding
Peacock	Uncommon	Nettle Bed could be made suitable for breeding
Comma	Uncommon	Nettle Bed could be made suitable for breeding
Speckled Wood	Frequent	Would increase when shaded grass areas increase
Marbled White	Potential to colonise	Needs sunny grassy areas Road Verge Important
Gatekeeper	Frequent	Near hedges especially on Bramble Will increase as grassy areas increase
Meadow Brown	Frequent	Will increase as grassy areas increase
Ringlet	Frequent	Will increase as grassy areas increase

Abundance Comments

Very Common	Expect to see in good number 50+
Common	Expect to see in double figures
Frequent	3-10 individual seen
Uncommon	1 to 3 individuals seen
Potentially Present	Habitat recorded butterfly should be present
Absent	No butterfly recorded insufficient breeding habitat present
Migrant	Depends on year and migration if butterfly will be seen

Species highlighted in yellow were recorded on day of survey

Some of the wildflower species in School Lane

- Yarrow
- Yellow Rattle
- Red campion
- Knapweed
- Wild carrot
- Cow parsley
- Musk mallow
- Field Poppy
- Primrose
- Violet
- Wild daffodil
- Hedge bedstraw
- Yellow vetchling
- Common sorrel
- Bird's Foot Trefoil



Photograph of a painting of the church and churchyard by William Matthison – probably between 1878 and 1894 when he was living in Tysoe. Note the longish grass and wildflowers. Photograph from John Hunter.