Involving people

Choosing to manage an area of a churchyard for wildlife is not a default option. It requires a careful balance between what is good for wildlife and the expectations and desires of the community. Working party or a number of people who would be interested in becoming more involved. Some basic points need to be considered to successfully enhance the site for wildlife and keep everyone informed.

- **Siting:**
  - Make a list of what is already there and what needs to be done.
  - Contact local groups and interest, such as wildlife trusts, for advice.
  - It is important to protect the church building from damage by wildlife.

- **Management:**
  - Produce a short management plan, which is a guide to the work that needs to be done.
  - Regularly monitor the effectiveness of the plan.

- **Community Involvement:**
  - Encourage community involvement and acceptance of the project.

- **Conservation:**
  - Consider the Kent God's Acre Project benchmark schemes.
  - Work with local conservation groups.

- **Funding:**
  - Seek funding from local authorities and charitable trusts.

About Kent Wildlife Trust

Kent Wildlife Trust is a leading conservation charity, dedicated to protecting and promoting the wildlife of Kent. It works with a wide range of partners, from local communities to national organizations. The Trust has over 20,000 members and relies on membership, donations and gift aid to fund its work. It is an independent charity and receives no government funding.

The Kent God's Acre Project (KGP)

KGP was set up in 2009 and is administered by the Diocese of Canterbury. It is a partnership between the Church of England and Kent Wildlife Trust.

For further information about the KGP project and benchmark schemes, please visit the KWT's website at www.kentwildlife.org.uk or call 01622 680012.