

Email – 05 September 2026

Dear Anne

I am writing on behalf of the PCC to thank the Parish Council for the Council's £500 grant for maintaining the churchyard this year. The PCC maintains the churchyard for the benefit of all parishioners and the PCC is very grateful for this contribution towards the costs of keeping the grass mown regularly (£2,500 p.a.)

Going forward

I very much hope that the Council will consider continuing the grant for the churchyard in the years ahead. We are exploring options to make the churchyard more beautiful and hope that more in the community can be involved in achieving this.

The PCC also runs events for everyone in the community to enjoy, and this year held an Open Garden and two concerts. Unfortunately the concert planned for 17 October has been cancelled as the performer isn't well, but we intend to hold 'Carols by the Lychgate' again before Christmas.

We also now have three 'Pilgrim Walks', developed by a Deanery colleague in Woodstock. These are circular, starting at the church. We will have copies available in church, but I would like to have them printed professionally to make them attractive for anyone to pick up and take away.

If the Council could help us with printing costs for the Carols by the Lychgate poster, and for the three walks, we would be enormously grateful. Based on previous printing costs, I estimate £100 would be sufficient.

With many thanks for considering these requests

All best wishes
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