

The Friends of St Mary's Church

Report for Annual Parish Meeting – 8th May 2012

This Grade 2* listed Church continues to attract many visitors – artists, photographers and those who wish to enjoy the quiet tranquillity of the Church ruin and Churchyard.

The Community Service visited last October to cut the hedge on the perimeter of the churchyard and generally tidy up brushwood in readiness for the Armistice Day service which has become an item on the calendar. Last year over 35 people along with the school attended this very simple and moving service.

No work is undertaken during the spring and summer months to allow the Churchyard and ruin to become a haven for wildlife.

Butterflies are abundant, owls continue to nest in the owl box, there are many green woodpeckers along with many other birds – two red kites are often flying overhead and at sunset bats can be seen swooping between the tracery of the chancel.

English Heritage continue to object regarding the proposed wind turbine application as the fabric of this wonderful ruin could be compromised.

Our funds amount to £121.36 which is “earmarked” within the Parish Council Community account.

As ever, thanks go to Horry Self for his continued care and upkeep of the area around the First World War Memorial.

Claire Kirby.