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# Help and Advice

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The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The group was disbanded in 2014, as part of a simplification of Synod committees, and its work continues through the Trust Officer, under the oversight of the Trust. We are willing to try to provide specific advice on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or suggestions.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects of interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the members' area of the website with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

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### Church Grounds and Graveyards

Caring for God's Acre is a charitable organisation with a mission to champion the conservation of churchyards and burial grounds across the British Isles.

Their website, [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk), has helpful resources, including a downloadable action pack, with advice about how to involve people in a project, creating havens for wildlife, raising awareness of history, and managing churchyards. There is also a model risk assessment form, health and safety guidelines, and some short videos.

This is worth a look if your church has land around it, even if there are no graves.

Caring for God's Acre also holds occasional conferences and training events, although these tend to be in the south.

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