

St. John the Evangelist, Cowgill

Policy for the use of St. John's Churchyard

The churchyard at St. John's Church is used for multiple purposes including burials, visits to family graves, outdoor worship, family / local history projects, nature projects /activities, as a place to sit and rest and as an area for church community events.

To balance differing requirements of these various activities, 3 principles will be followed:

- **Be mindful** that this is an active place of commemoration
- **Be respectful** to others in your demeanour and actions
- **Tread lightly** and leave the space as you found it

To ensure compliance with these principles, when organising outdoor events, the Churchwardens will:

- **Conduct a risk assessment** and act upon findings ahead of outdoor events
- **Erect barriers around recent graves** with notices requesting attendees to keep to communal areas
- **Ensure all visitors are respectful of consecrated areas**

Date	Rev. Andy Burgess	Janice Moorby & Heather Fraser
18/7/2022	<i>Vicar to the Benefice of the Western Dales</i>	<i>Churchwardens, St. John's Cowgill</i>

Attachments

- Plan of Churchyard
- Example of signs
- Photos of barriers