

* As a part of our Eco Church project we would like to install 2 or 3 water butts on the north facing wall of the Benedicta Whistler Centre. Practically it isn't straightforward as the fall pipes are cast iron! We know we will have to get diocesan approval, do we need the Council's as well?

* When our gardening group gets going we would like to remove all the ivy at the base of the trees growing over the ground where we want to plant bulbs. We also want to weed & add more appropriate plants to the Memorial Garden & do some pruning & remove dead wood from the hedge/shrubs bordering the Old Deanery. Do we need Council approval?

*To provide foliage for our Flower Guild we would like to plant a few shrubs in the alcove on the south side of the church, near the west wall. Again, we know we need diocesan approval, do we need the Council's? Everything we plant, the Gardening Group will take responsibility for & look after.

*Finally, we have 2 huge conifers in the Memorial Garden as shown in the photos. Although one is dying on the inside which is what they do when they are so big & old, they both look healthy. They dominate the garden & spread over 2 flower beds; they make the garden look dark & most unattractive. We would like to have them removed but know that does not come under your remit as there is nothing wrong with them. Would the Council allow the Church to remove them?



We appreciate that some of these items will probably have significant cost implications to us which might make them prohibitive but, at least, we want to investigate the possibilities.