**Advice to PCCs for Churchyard Tree Planting**

The planting of trees falls under 'List B' and may be undertaken without a faculty subject to the Archdeacon giving written notice. To ensure that tree planting proposals are carefully designed and managed, the following documents are recommended to accompany the list B application:-

* A Planting Plan for the Area in the Churchyard to be Planted **-** marked to show the location of existing and proposed new trees. NB: Any trees to be removed will need authorisation
* A List of the Species of Trees the PCC would like to Plant, How Many and Where - Native trees in-keeping with the natural surroundings and ecosystems are preferred. Please consider factors such as proximity to the church; character of the churchyard and its setting; overall size and root depth of the tree as it matures; and access for tree management.
* Photographs of the area to be planted - including any established trees or shrubs.
* Closed Churchyards - where maintenance has been transferred to the Local Authority it is recommended that the PCC consults with the Local Authority to ensure that the planting of new trees does not cause a maintenance issue.

Useful websites

Queen's Green Canopy - <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Caring for God’s Acre - <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

Woodland Trust - <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/choose/>