

Wivelsfield Churchyard

The Churchyard is owned and managed by Wivelsfield Parish Church. As part of the Diocese of Chichester we have to adhere to certain regulations, which apply in all churchyards across Sussex. We also ask for your support to ensure that the churchyard can be a pleasant, peaceful and safe place for all who visit.

In particular, we draw your attention to the following:

1. **Memorial Stones** Gravestones cannot be put in place until at least 6 months after a burial has taken place. The Vicar needs to approve the design before it is ordered, and local stonemasons should be aware of the regulations, but these can be supplied on request. If you wish to make changes in the future or remove a stone for maintenance, please consult the Vicar. Stones remain the responsibility of the family of those buried.
2. **Planting** You may plant spring bulbs and annual bedding plants in the soil of a grave, but please do not plant any trees or shrubs, or place edging around a grave. Artificial flowers, windmills, lights or stone objects are also not permitted in the churchyard.
3. **Containers** You are welcome to lay flowers and wreaths on graves, but please do not use glass or ceramic containers – these may break and be a danger to other visitors and to those mowing the grass.

We reserve the right to remove any objects which contravene the churchyard regulations.

Friends of Wivelsfield Churchyard

The Church maintains the churchyard, and in order to assist with this, funds are raised by the Friends of Wivelsfield Churchyard (FWCY), and we would encourage you to consider making a regular donation towards the churchyard maintenance. A leaflet is available in the church with more information.