Name of church: .Date visited: Name of Judge:

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| **Area** | **North** | **South** | **East** | **West**  | **Central** |
|  |  | **Max Mark** | **Your comments** | **Your mark** |
| 1 | Noticeboards (**if absent, no marks**)Is it clearly visible from the road & is the text clear & legible?Is it well maintained?Can it be clearly viewed & is a ‘Welcome’ included?Is there both a dedication & a contact number?Is it clearly labelled as CofE and Diocese of Lichfield (with current logos)Are there any ephemeral notices? Are any well out of date? If so, **deduct a point.** | 10 |  |  |
| 2 | Gateways, Entrances & PathsWhere there are gates, are they easy to open & well maintained?Is the entrance tidy & weed free?Are the main paths even & weed-free & are the edges tidy & well defined?Subsidiary grass paths: Are these cut & clearly differentiated? | 10 |  |  |
| 3 | GrassGeneral appearanceIf parts are left for wild flowers etc, please take that into account (helpful if there is an informative notice)Disposal of cuttings? | 10 |  |  |
| 4 | BoundariesIf there are walls, are they solid & continuous?Is any fencing firm & well maintained?Are any hedges maintained & stock-proof? (take into consideration the time of year & nesting birds as they may not have been cut for this reason) | 10 |  |  |
| 5 | Flower Beds And Planters Are they weed-free? Are the edges tidy?Are the flowers etc being deadheaded & shrubs being kept under control? | 10 |  |  |
| 6 | TreesIs there evidence that trees are being kept under control?Are dead branches being removed? | 10 |  |  |
| 7 | Graves (Not Applicable If Judging A Church Garden)Are graves being cared for? Saplings etc removed?Have dead flowers, Christmas wreaths & old silk flowers been removed?See if there is a parish policy regarding artificial flowers. Is it being followed?Do you think the graves are being cared for appropriately? (take the size of the grave area into consideration) | 10 |  |  |
| 8 | Area For The Burial Of Ashes (Not Applicable If Judging A Church Garden)Is this area tidy & weed-free? Have dead/old artificial & Christmas wreaths been removed? Are there any seats in this area or close to it?Is it an area where you would feel at rest? | 10 |  |  |
| 9 | Nature-friendlyIs there a management plan? If so, is it made apparent to a visitor?Have ferns & plants been left to grow in crevices etcAre there flowers/shrubs that are for the benefit of bees, butterflies & insectsAny bird & bat or owl boxes: Any bug & insect homes?If there is an area for wild flowers to grow, is it clearly marked out? | 10 |  |  |
| 10 | Overall ImpressionWhat is the initial impact on you, the visitor?Is it an attractive setting for the church?Is it obvious that they making the best of a given situation?Can you see evidence of hard workAre seats provided?Is the churchyard/garden free of rubbish? | 10 |  |  |

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| SUGGESTED MARKING SYSTEM |  | GENERAL COMMENTS: |
| Excellent | 9 or 10 |
| Good | 7 or 8 |
| Satisfactory | 5 or 6 |
| Poor | 3 or 4 |
| Bad | 1 or 2 |