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

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| **Area** | | **North** | **South** | **East** | | | **West** | **Central** | |
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| 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 Are any well out of date?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 & Paths Where 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 | Grass General appearance If parts are left for wild flowers etc, please take that into account (helpful if there is an informative notice) Disposal of cuttings? | | | | 10 |  | | |  | |
| 4 | Boundaries If 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 | Trees Is 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-friendly Is there a management plan? If so, is it made apparent to a visitor? Have ferns & plants been left to grow in crevices etc Are there flowers/shrubs that are for the benefit of bees, butterflies & insects Any 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 Impression What 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 work Are 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 |