

St James' Graveyard, Benwell

A RESOURCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING

St James' graveyard on Benwell Lane is a haven for wildlife and an important green space in this urban area.

The graveyard is a valuable resource for environmental learning. We have produced this resource pack to encourage schools to bring groups of pupils to explore the graveyard and to support their learning.



Contents of the resource pack

This resource pack contains a set of information and activity sheets designed to be used in conjunction with site visits to St James' Graveyard, as well as an introductory leaflet and guide to the graveyard for teachers. See accompanying sheet for more information on these resources.

Visiting St James' Graveyard

St James' Graveyard is located on Benwell Lane, NE15 6RR. We welcome visits by schools and other organisations working with young people. Visits must be booked. To make arrangements for a visit, please contact us by email at stjamesbenwell@gmail.com.

Other environmental activities

We have developed a range of other resources to support environmental activities for visiting groups of young people, including trails and activity leaflets. A copy of our "Children' Challenge" trail leaflet is enclosed as an example. Please contact us to discuss what is available.

Local history resources

We have a range of resources available to support history learning. These include two packages designed specifically for use by schools. See our website for details. .



St James' Heritage &
Environment Group

St James Heritage & Environment Group is a voluntary organisation which encourages people to explore and celebrate their local heritage and environment through projects, publications, activities, talks and films, as well as maintaining Benwell's historic graveyard. To find out more about our work, see our website <http://stjameschurchnewcastle.wordpress.com> or email at stjamesbenwell@gmail.com.

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Introduction to the Environmental Learning Resource Pack

This pack contains a set of information and activity sheets designed to be used in conjunction with site visits to St James' Graveyard.

Nature in St James' Graveyard

Information: an illustrated introduction to the range of plants, animals and other wildlife to be found here.

Activity: a "Wildlife Spotter" activity sheet and "Wildlife Quiz" are provided to accompany this leaflet.

Trees in St James' Graveyard

Information: a photographic guide to 12 species of trees growing here.

Activity: this leaflet is designed to be used as the basis for an activity in which children explore the graveyard and identify different types of trees.

Insects in St James' Graveyard

Information: a picture guide to the range of insects living here.

Activity: this leaflet is a useful accompaniment to a mini-beast hunt.

Lichen in St James' Graveyard

Information: a photographic guide to some of the types of lichen and fungi here.

Activity: this leaflet encourages children to look more closely and carefully at some of the lesser known inhabitants of our environment.

- The information and activity sheets are printed on card to facilitate handling and copying.
- Further copies of the Children's Challenge and Wildlife Spotter can be obtained from us for purposes of a study visit if required.
- All these resources can be downloaded from our website:

For more information or to arrange a visit contact us on stjamesbenwell@gmail.com. If you want to arrange a visit at short notice and have difficulty contacting us, you can also arrange access through Pendower Good Neighbour Project, tel 0191 2722962.