

## Safety Report.

There is quite an overlap between the duties of Church Warden, safeguarding officer and Health & Safety Officer, so there is not a lot to report on just safety.

Gordon has already explained about the church heating system, boiler replacement and fuel supply.

However, I can report that all the gravestones have been checked for stability and I could not find any requiring urgent attention.

At the last APCM, a year ago, I mentioned the church path becoming overgrown and a small working party was organised to deal with the problem which made quite a difference. I now keep an eye on the bushes immediately outside the main door and try to ensure that they are kept in trim. The biggest problem there, as in other parts of the churchyard, is the prolific brambles which hide in the roots of the bushes and are difficult to remove.

Also, tree-wise, although not a safety hazard, we need to do something about the Millenium Yew tree which is gradually being pushed over by the branches of the nearby trees . This is the right time of year to be doing that.

We have not had much of a problem with ice on the paths this year but we now have a small trolley and two scoops to wheel and spread salt grit when needed.

Perhaps the main concern with regard to safety is the lack of adequate lighting in the car park, especially during the dark winter evenings and of course it overlaps with concerns about the current state of the car park surface.

This is something which needs to be addressed but we have to balance the safety needs against the rules of the Harbour Conservancy.

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