

Supporters of St Edmunds Report May 2024

The Supporters of St Edmund's is an independent charity set up to act as a body to attract funds from people who live in the Village but who do not attend or who only infrequently attend Church services, but who wish to see the Church Building maintained in a good condition.

As an independent and secular Charity we are in a position to attract outside funding to help in the pursuing the Charity's aims.

In this regard I would like to thank Hardingstone Parish Council for their grant which will be spent on the Wildlife project where we are looking to achieve the Silver award from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust.

The Churchyard was a haven of peace in the time of Covid and the Wildlife project was borne out of this time. It has been good to see people adopt abandoned kerbed graves, the Beaver Scouts have taken up four of these and with their younger section the Squirrel Drey have erected two bug hotels.

The Supporter's have funded on behalf of the Church the stonework repairs as outlined in the Architect's Quinquennial report which amounted to £2,880. In addition to which we have contributed £1,300 to the cleaning of the Rysbrack memorial which is the reason that the Church is listed Grade 2*. The latter project was completed in March and the unveiling was blessed by the new Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Debbie, in April. An event attended by Cllrs Perry Thomas and Colin Newman, who is also a Trustee of the Supporters.

John Wilson
Chairman of Trustees