

Exploring Comberton Churchyard

'Plants?' Trail

Introduction

You need a copy of the map labelled "Comberton Churchyard 'Plants?' Explorer", which shows a set of numbered points. With this, you can explore the churchyard surrounding Comberton St Mary's church to hunt for items that are plant-related (but most are not real plants). The numbered activities below suggest what to find at each point. You should start at point 1 near the northeast corner. If you get stuck somewhere, then the answers are on the back of this sheet.

Activities

1. Find grave with misspelled tree name?
2. How do we know that Mr Sewell was a gardener? (look behind)
3. Name of a tree/fruit?
4. Who has a flowery cross?
5. And who has flowers but no cross?
6. Name of a flower?
7. Name of a climbing plant?
8. How many flowers on this flowery grave?
9. A climbing plant and a herb?
10. Name of a flower?
11. Two plant names for this person?
12. Name the flower?
13. Name the herb?
14. Two flower names?
15. Name the flower?
16. Name the flower?
17. Name the flower?
18. Double flowery person?
19. Name the flower?
20. Name the plant that grows in water?
21. What are these two evergreen trees – found in many churchyards?
22. What flowers grow on this shrub?
23. What is the fruit tree that is coming over the wall near this leaning gravestone?
24. What is the big tree in the corner and what is its seed called (good for games?)
25. Go into the church. What colour are the flowers in the stained-glass window? For an extra point, name the flowers.

Note: The authors live in the village, walked this trail in August 2023 and provide this description as a best-efforts contribution to the community. We cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies. Please notify any such to paul@paulhardy.net. When following it you are entirely responsible for your own safety and that of any accompanying children and/or pets. Always exercise common sense, judgement and caution.

Answers

1. Oak(es)
2. There is a spade on the back of the gravestone
3. Olive
4. Cathy Adams
5. Tania Whitehead
6. Rose
7. Ivy
8. $3 + 9 = 12$ (Wick family)
9. Ivy, Parsley
10. Rose (or Rosemary)
11. Olive May
12. Rose
13. Rosemary
14. Violet Rose
15. Daisy
16. Violet
17. May
18. Violet May
19. Rose
20. Reed
21. Yew
22. Rose
23. Fig
24. Horse Chestnut (with conkers)
25. White - Irises

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