To encourage insects in churchyards …

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Long summer grass for bush crickets (& below)

Variety is the spice of (invertebrate) life: aim for a **range of sward heights**, including some bare ground, and a **diversity of plants**.

Demonstrate intentional management, but don't inflict uniformity or over-tidiness.



This fly needs White Bryony





Don't create a habitat and then destroy it <u>all</u>!
Many recommended mowing regimes are designed for meadow flowers: great for some invertebrates, devastating for others – don't apply them universally.

Get your grass-cutter on board:
encourage '**merciful mowing**', sparing some plants which are yet to flower, leaving fringes of longer grass, preserving some seedheads and tussocky refuge areas over winter.

Create and nurture
transition zones
between one habitat and another, especially strips alongside hedges; also basal shoots on Lime and some other trees.



A rich hedge bottom at Repps.







Value your **trees, shrubs** and **hedges**; and your **ivy** and **bramble**, without letting them run rampant.
Avoid planting trees where they will shade out grassland in the future.

Deadwood is a haven for life:
retain what you can,
ideally standing as well as fallen.



