



Common Tway Blade

## All Saints Danehill Churchyard

### A very special place

The churchyard is home to 34 species of wild flower including four orchid species.



Common Spotted Orchid

## Care of the Churchyard

Once the orchids begin to grow mowing is stopped until the flowers have set seed. Mowing stops again in the Autumn for the rare fungi.

The church was built just over 125 years ago on a 'greenfield site'. In other words a field used for centuries before for animal grazing, organic arable. The churchyard continued to be grazed by mowers and no fertilisers or chemicals have been used.



Green Winged Orchid

Consequently the flora has continued to flourish, whereas almost all the surrounding pasture has been 'improved' and is now starved of flower species, which cannot compete with super-charged grasses.



Autumn Ladies Tresses