

# CHURCHYARD WALL SURVEY

The **Dry Stone Walling Association** is keen to establish a record of all existing walls, their types, etc including those around churchyards and is very grateful for all information provided. The following series of questions are designed for churchyards with **dry stone wall** boundaries. Please give as much information as you can, extending details overleaf if necessary. Rough sketches or photographs of unusual items are always appreciated for DSWA records. DSWA thanks you for your kind co-operation. If no dry stone wall is found, a "nil" return would be helpful to save others repeating the process. This survey was originally part of the **Living Churchyard & Cemetery Project** organised by the *Church & Conservation Project*. A current list of churchyards surveyed is available on request or on the DSWA website at [www.dswa.org.uk](http://www.dswa.org.uk).

Name of person completing form:			
Full postal address:			
Telephone number (daytime if poss):		Email:	
Name of Church:		Date of survey:	
Location of Church: Name of County:			
Name of village or parish:			
Give OS grid reference if known: (DD xxx xxx)			
Date of first known church on the site:		Date of present church:	
Age of churchyard walls: <i>Less than 5 yrs old</i> <i>5-10yrs old</i> <i>10-50 yrs</i> <i>50-100 yrs</i> <i>More than 100 yrs</i> <i>Don't know</i>			
<b>When the churchyard was created, was it:</b>		<b>Are the churchyard walls :</b>	
Isolated in field	Yes / No	All dry stone (no mortar used)	Yes / No
In the village	Yes / No	Part dry stone	Yes / No
In the town	Yes / No	Is the remainder <u>H</u> edge/ <u>F</u> ence/ <u>M</u> ortared <u>W</u> all:	H / F / MW
Other (eg attached to stately home)		Is another form of boundary used? Give detail	Yes / No
Are local field boundaries mainly dry stone	Yes/No/Mixed		
<b>Is the Churchyard wall stone</b> – a) compared to that of the church			Same / different
b) compared to that of walls in local fields			Same / different
If you <b>know</b> the type of walling stone (eg sandstone, limestone, slate, etc) please state type:			
<b>Style:</b>			
a) Are any parts of the churchyard dry stone walls free standing		Yes / No	
b) Are any parts of the walls earth-retaining on one side?		Yes / No	
c) Are walls built "doubled" style (two outer "skins" with filling between)		Yes / No	
d) Are walls built "singled" (large stones going right through wall)		Yes / No	
e) Are the walls built with vertical slabs (tombstone-like)?		Yes / No	
f) Are the boundaries a stone-faced, earth filled bank?		Yes / No	
Are any stones shaped or "dressed"? Give %	Yes/No	%	Is any mortar incorporated in original stonework? Yes / No
Are any of the top stones dressed? Give %	Yes/No	%	Are the top-stones mortared? Yes / No
Are any corner/end of wall stones dressed? "	Yes/No	%	Is there any "pointing" added to the wall? Yes / No
Is there a stile built into the boundary wall? If yes, is it a squeeze stile, a step-stile or other: Yes / No (Please give detail/rough sketch)			Is there any other feature built into the stonework of the boundary wall? (Please give detail/rough sketch)

**Please continue overleaf with any other detailed information you may be able to provide.**

*Ref: chsurvey.bks rev Dec 2000*

**We thank you for completing this survey form - please return it to:**



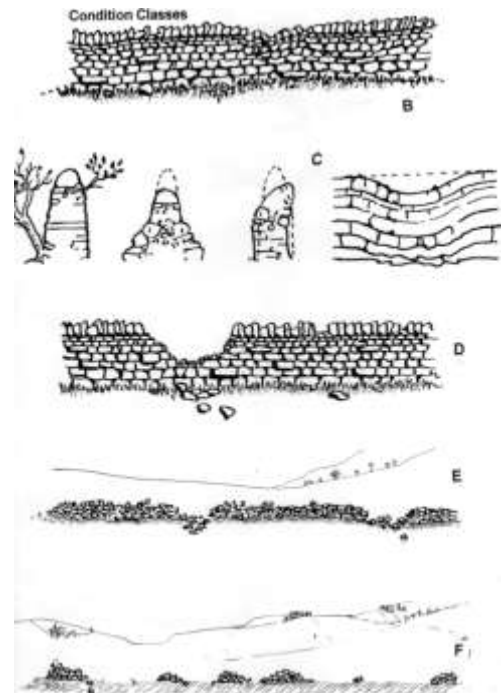
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***Please add a sketch map marking any points or features of special interest***

Sketch map of churchyard – please show church and walls, and give approximate lengths of wall in metres *Please indicate North.*

*Please use the categories given below to show the condition of those walls that are of a dry stone construction, marking on the map the category letter beside length of wall as appropriate.*

Condition Class	Wall farming value	Description of condition of the section of wall
A	Stockproof	Excellent condition. Top stones nearly all in place. All sides smooth and straight. No sign of bowing, bellying or slumping. Almost no fallen stones.
B	Stockproof	Some structural defects but effective. A few fallen stones and occasional top stones missing. Obvious temporary repairs such as gap filled with single width of rubble.
C	Stockproof	Almost complete but signs of future problems, bellying, slumping, bowing. Extensive tree growth at wall base or shrub growth in wall.
D	Not stockproof	Boundary still used a stockproof boundary but the wall plays a secondary or negligible role to a fence.
E	Not stockproof	Boundary not maintained stockproof in any way. Large gaps and reduced wall height. Most stone still present.
F	Not stockproof	Very derelict along its entire length with apparent large loss of stone, removed or buried. Apparent mainly because of a raised bank.



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