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NOTICE AND APPEAL TO RESIDENTS OF EXNING PARISH HIGHLIGHTING THE INCREASE IN ACTS OF VANDALISM

Unfortunately, there has been a recent spate of vandalism in the churchyard at St Martin's Church over the past month.

This includes damage to a signpost, significant damage to a tree, damage to fencing.

The Parish Council is responsible for the churchyard. These acts of vandalism cost money to repair – this is money from the income that the parish council receives from its portion of your council tax.

Over the past two years, since this group of young people began its actions in and around the churchyard, church hall and church building, and on the recreation ground, the cost to the church and the Parish Council has totalled over £3,000.

Inevitably, the Parish Council will need to budget for this for the future; resulting in raised council tax and reduced services in other areas of its responsibility around the village.

Every single case of vandalism and anti-social behaviour is reported to the police.

Whilst in the past the Parish Council and the church have taken the stance that they would prefer not to involve the police for individual young people, continued vandalism is now making this untenable. Individuals who are named to the council by witnesses will now be passed directly to the police.

Exning Parish Council and Exning Parochial Church Council appeals now to residents of the parish:

- If your young people are out and about in the parish, do you know where they are and what they are doing?
- Please talk to your young people about this situation and the consequences of such actions.
- If you are about the village and see vandalism or anti-social behaviour, please do report this to the Parish Council on the above email address.