

Moles in Churchyards

Whenever people and wildlife come into close proximity, issues can arise both for the animal and the people.

Moles in churchyards are no exception. The mole simply wants to find a new tunnel to inhabit but the people don't want the evidence of its tunnelling. There are particular sensitivities too in a place of burial, where loved ones have been laid to rest in consecrated ground.

Ottery St Mary PCC aims to take a sensitive, humane, while yet pragmatic approach to moles disturbing the ground with tunnelling.

Our policy is based on advice from the Diocesan "Living Churchyards" advisor.

Policy

- On the appearance of molehills, an appropriate liquid deterrent and/or sonic deterrent will be placed in strategic mole hills.
- All disturbed soil will be retained within the churchyard and used in a sensitive manner.
- Any cremated remains tablets affected will be cleaned.