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Note: As throughout the rest of this report, all references in the tables to “Church of England” include the Church in Wales unless specifically stated otherwise.

Table 1: Number of burial grounds, by region and type of burial authority

England and Wales							Number of burial grounds
Region	Burial authority						Total
	Parish, Community or Town councils	District, Borough or Metropolitan Borough councils	Unitary authorities	London boroughs	Church of England ¹	Other, and burial authority unknown ²	
North East	18	78	30	-	222	14	362
North West	11	109	8	-	532	37	697
Yorkshire and the Humber	32	189	36	-	551	27	835
East Midlands	138	97	6	-	716	57	1,014
West Midlands	51	78	18	-	684	30	861
East of England	129	72	10	1	1,020	68	1,300
London	-	-	-	130	181	19	330
South East	141	146	18	1	1,136	61	1,503
South West	152	76	31	-	1,176	87	1,522
Wales	114	-	111	-	622	476	1,323
Total	786	845	268	132	6,840	876	9,747

¹ In this and all other tables, data for the "Church of England" include the Church in Wales.

² Includes burial grounds owned or managed by other faiths or charitable trusts, woodland cemeteries, commercial concerns and those where ownership was not specified or clearly identifiable.

Table 2: Burial grounds by region, type and burial authority

England and Wales		Number of burial grounds						
Region	Type of burial ground	Burial authority					Total	
		Parish, Community or Town councils	District, Borough or Metropolitan Borough councils	Unitary authorities	London boroughs	Church of England		Other, and burial authority unknown ¹
North East	Burial ground / cemetery	17	72	30	-	-	6	125
	Churchyard	-	4	-	-	222	5	231
	Not known	1	2	-	-	-	3	6
	Total	18	78	30	-	222	14	362
North West	Burial ground / cemetery	8	92	8	-	-	7	115
	Churchyard	-	6	-	-	532	8	546
	Not known	3	11	-	-	-	22	36
	Total	11	109	8	-	532	37	697
Yorkshire and the Humber	Burial ground / cemetery	29	137	28	-	-	11	205
	Churchyard	1	25	8	-	551	6	591
	Not known	2	27	-	-	-	10	39
	Total	32	189	36	-	551	27	835
East Midlands	Burial ground / cemetery	119	79	6	-	-	21	225
	Churchyard	10	11	-	-	716	12	749
	Not known	9	7	-	-	-	24	40
	Total	138	97	6	-	716	57	1,014
West Midlands	Burial ground / cemetery	47	73	15	-	-	9	144
	Churchyard	2	-	1	-	684	10	697
	Not known	2	5	2	-	-	11	20
	Total	51	78	18	-	684	30	861
East of England	Burial ground / cemetery	108	63	8	1	-	19	199
	Churchyard	11	2	2	-	1,020	19	1,054
	Not known	10	7	-	-	-	30	47
	Total	129	72	10	1	1,020	68	1,300

Table 2, continued: Burial grounds by region, type and burial authority

England and Wales		Number of burial grounds						
Region	Type of burial ground	Burial authority					Total	
		Parish, Community or Town councils	District, Borough or Metropolitan Borough councils	Unitary authorities	London boroughs	Church of England		Other, and burial authority unknown ¹
London	Burial ground / cemetery	-	-	-	97	-	17	114
	Churchyard	-	-	-	14	181	-	195
	Not known	-	-	-	19	-	2	21
	Total	-	-	-	130	181	19	330
South East	Burial ground / cemetery	115	96	17	-	-	14	242
	Churchyard	13	29	1	-	1,136	13	1,192
	Not known	13	21	-	1	-	34	69
	Total	141	146	18	1	1,136	61	1,503
South West	Burial ground / cemetery	125	48	25	-	-	36	234
	Churchyard	13	19	-	-	1,176	13	1,221
	Not known	14	9	6	-	-	38	67
	Total	152	76	31	-	1,176	87	1,522
Wales	Burial ground / cemetery	64	-	83	-	-	69	216
	Churchyard	22	-	4	-	622	192	840
	Not known	28	-	24	-	-	215	267
	Total	114	-	111	-	622	476	1,323
Total	Burial ground / cemetery	632	660	220	98	-	209	1,819
	Churchyard	72	96	16	14	6,840	278	7,316
	Not known	82	89	32	20	-	389	612
	Overall total	786	845	268	132	6,840	876	9,747

¹ Includes burial grounds owned or managed by other faiths or charitable trusts, woodland cemeteries, commercial concerns and those where ownership was not specified or clearly identifiable.

Table 3: Burial grounds by rural/urban classification, type and burial authority

England		Number of burial grounds							
Burial authority	Type of burial ground	Rural / urban classification ¹						Total	
		Major Urban	Large Urban	Other Urban	Significant Rural	Rural-50	Rural-80		Could not be identified ²
Local authorities	Burial grounds / cemetery	263	123	77	143	155	207	642	1,610
	Churchyard	28	9	7	9	36	36	73	198
	Not known	34	4	12	12	20	25	116	223
	Total	325	136	96	164	211	268	831	2,031
Church of England	Burial grounds / cemetery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Churchyard	469	275	282	682	936	1,499	2,697	6,840
	Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	469	275	282	682	936	1,499	2,697	6,840
Other, and burial authority unknown ³	Burial grounds / cemetery	15	8	8	6	17	30	125	209
	Churchyard	10	4	5	5	13	18	223	278
	Not known	7	9	8	24	34	36	271	389
	Total	32	21	21	35	64	84	619	876
Total	Burial grounds / cemetery	278	131	85	149	172	237	767	1,819
	Churchyard	507	288	294	696	985	1,553	2,993	7,316
	Not known	41	13	20	36	54	61	387	612
	Overall total	826	432	399	881	1,211	1,851	4,147	9,747

¹ Classes are according to the Defra Classifications of Local Authority districts and Unitary Authorities in England.

See Appendix A or the Defra website (http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/ruralstats/rural-defn/LAClassifications_introguide.pdf) for more information."

² Includes burial grounds in Wales, which are not covered by the classification.

³ Includes burial grounds owned or managed by other faiths or charitable trusts, woodland cemeteries, commercial concerns and those where ownership was not specified or clearly identifiable.

Table 4: Operational status of local authority burial grounds, by region¹

England and Wales									
Region	Open for burials in new graves		Open only for burials in existing graves		Closed to new burials		No information provided		Total
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	
North East	108	86	12	10	6	5	-	0	126
North West	94	73	20	16	13	10	1	1	128
Yorkshire and the Humber	161	63	40	16	50	19	6	2	257
East Midlands	193	80	12	5	29	12	7	3	241
West Midlands	100	68	22	15	16	11	9	6	147
East of England	162	76	26	12	22	10	2	1	212
London	65	50	30	23	13	10	22	17	130
South East	211	69	29	9	46	15	20	7	306
South West	195	75	27	10	29	11	8	3	259
Wales	191	85	20	9	8	4	6	3	225
Total	1,480	73	238	12	232	11	81	4	2,031

¹ This table relates to local authority burial grounds only.

Table 5: Operational status of Church of England burial grounds, by region¹

England and Wales									
Region	Open for burials in new graves		Open only for burials in existing graves		Closed to new burials		No information provided		Total
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	
	North East	106	48	31	14	74	33	11	
North West	321	60	91	17	101	19	19	4	532
Yorkshire and the Humber	329	60	57	10	122	22	43	8	551
East Midlands	433	60	79	11	182	25	22	3	716
West Midlands	473	69	80	12	103	15	28	4	684
East of England	680	67	104	10	201	20	35	3	1,020
London	38	21	40	22	74	41	29	16	181
South East	738	65	131	12	215	19	52	5	1,136
South West	820	70	122	10	184	16	50	4	1,176
Wales	451	73	83	13	67	11	21	3	622
Total	4,389	64	818	12	1,323	19	310	5	6,840

¹ This table relates to Church of England (and Church in Wales) burial grounds only.

Table 6: Operational status of local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by rural / urban classification¹

England									
Rural/urban classification	Open for burials in new graves		Open only for burials in existing graves		Closed to new burials		No information provided		Total
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	
Local authority burial grounds									
Major Urban	197	61	71	22	33	10	24	7	325
Large Urban	106	78	17	13	11	8	2	1	136
Other Urban	64	67	10	10	17	18	5	5	96
Significant Rural	133	81	12	7	15	9	4	2	164
Rural-50	145	69	21	10	25	12	20	9	211
Rural-80	204	76	18	7	38	14	8	3	268
Church of England burial grounds									
Major Urban	173	37	110	23	149	32	37	8	469
Large Urban	116	42	63	23	76	28	20	7	275
Other Urban	104	37	65	23	97	34	16	6	282
Significant Rural	432	63	82	12	130	19	38	6	682
Rural-50	665	71	91	10	154	16	26	3	936
Rural-80	1,104	74	83	6	259	17	53	4	1,499

¹ The data in this table relate only to burial grounds in England, and exclude those for which a rural/urban classification could not be identified.

Table 7: Estimated total area usable for burials, and predicted future period of operation of local authority burial grounds, by region¹

England and Wales									
Region	Estimated total area of burial grounds usable for burials (Ha) ²	Area occupied by graves		Area occupied by graves more than 100 years old		Area as yet unused		Median predicted period of operation of burial grounds (yrs) ^{3,4}	Mean predicted period of operation of burial grounds (yrs) ^{3,4}
		Area (Ha)	Percentage of total	Area (Ha)	Percentage of total	Area (Ha)	Percentage of total		
North East	606	489	81	144	24	117	19	30	41
North West	804	692	86	210	26	112	14	20	38
Yorkshire and the Humber	580	455	78	114	20	125	22	36	50
East Midlands	469	352	75	80	17	117	25	39	52
West Midlands	585	462	79	92	16	123	21	20	33
East of England	444	337	76	66	15	107	24	25	38
London	650	562	86	178	27	88	14	12	37
South East	533	413	77	99	19	120	23	35	50
South West	373	279	75	64	17	94	25	30	44
Wales	333	257	77	49	15	76	23	30	53
Total	5,378	4,298	80	1,096	20	1,079	20	30	45

¹ This table relates to local authority burial grounds only.

² For the 1,757 out of 2,031 local authority burial grounds that were able to provide information on area and occupancy, in hectares.

³ Predicted period of operation is the expected time before unused land available for burials is filled by interments.

⁴ Median and mean estimates exclude: those burial grounds already closed to new burials, those open only to burials in existing graves, and those not providing information on predicted period of operation.

Table 8: Estimated total area usable for burials, and predicted future period of operation of Church of England burial grounds, by region¹

England and Wales									
Region	Estimated total area of burial grounds usable for burials (Ha) ²	Area occupied by graves		Area occupied by graves more than 100 years old		Area as yet unused		Median predicted period of operation of burial grounds (yrs) ^{3,4}	Mean predicted period of operation of burial grounds (yrs) ^{3,4}
		Area (Ha)	Percentage of total	Area (Ha)	Percentage of total	Area (Ha)	Percentage of total		
North East	84	73	87	25	30	11	13	20	46
North West	236	198	84	78	33	37	16	20	45
Yorkshire and the Humber	245	196	80	102	42	49	20	25	44
East Midlands	214	180	84	94	44	34	16	25	44
West Midlands	258	210	82	88	34	47	18	20	43
East of England	324	259	80	116	36	65	20	25	45
London	72	69	96	26	36	3	4	25	60
South East	408	332	81	142	35	76	19	20	42
South West	364	290	80	134	37	74	20	25	47
Wales	243	187	77	83	34	56	23	25	54
Total	2,447	1,994	81	888	36	453	19	25	45

¹ This table relates to Church of England (and Church in Wales) burial grounds only.

² For the 5,497 out of 6,840 Church of England and Church in Wales burial grounds that were able to provide information on area and occupancy, in hectares.

³ Predicted period of operation is the expected time before unused land available for burials is filled by interments.

⁴ Median and mean estimates exclude: those burial grounds already closed to new burials, those open only to burials in existing graves, and those not providing information on predicted period of operation.

⁵ Median and mean predicted period of operation data for Church of England burial grounds in London should be treated with caution as these figures are based on responses from only 22 locations. 1. This table relates to Church of England (and Church in Wales) burial grounds only.

Table 9: Estimated total area usable for burials, and predicted future period of operation of local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by district rural / urban classification^{1,2}

England									
Region	Estimated total area of burial grounds usable for burials (Ha) ³	Area occupied by graves		Area occupied by graves more than 100 years old		Area as yet unused		Median predicted period of operation of burial grounds (yrs) ^{4,5}	Mean predicted period of operation of burial grounds (yrs) ^{4,5}
		Area (Ha)	Percentage of total	Area (Ha)	Percentage of total	Area (Ha)	Percentage of total		
Local authority burial grounds									
Major Urban	1,773	1,469	83	390	22	305	17	25	49
Large Urban	758	624	82	118	16	134	18	19	32
Other Urban	412	315	77	109	27	97	23	20	32
Significant Rural	450	354	79	91	20	97	21	25	42
Rural-50	314	234	74	43	14	80	26	40	50
Rural-80	244	184	75	51	21	60	25	30	40
Church of England burial grounds									
Major Urban	227	208	92	83	36	19	8	20	37
Large Urban	100	89	89	32	32	11	11	20	32
Other Urban	117	94	80	55	47	23	20	20	32
Significant Rural	261	215	82	97	37	46	18	25	37
Rural-50	309	253	82	118	38	57	18	25	40
Rural-80	533	428	80	195	37	105	20	25	55

¹ Classes are according to the Defra Classifications of Local Authority districts and Unitary Authorities in England. Does not include burial grounds in Wales. See Appendix A or the Defra website (http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/ruralstats/rural-defn/LAclassifications_introguide.pdf) for more information."

² Data in this table exclude those for which a rural / urban classification could not be identified.

³ For those burial grounds that were able to provide information on area and occupancy, in hectares, as well as a rural / urban classification.

⁴ Predicted period of operation is the expected time before unused land available for burials is filled by interments.

⁵ Median and mean estimates also exclude: those burial grounds already closed to new burials, those open only to burials in existing graves, and those not providing information on predicted period of operation.

Table 10: Burials in previous ten years and in 2003/04 financial year at local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by region

England and Wales						
Region	Total burials in previous ten years ¹		Total burials in financial year 2003/04 ^{2,3}		Number of burials	
	Local authority burial grounds	Church of England burial grounds	Local authority burial grounds	Church of England burial grounds	Mean number of burials per burial ground in 2003/04 ^{2,3}	
					Local authority burial grounds	Church of England burial grounds
North East	69,500	8,100	5,700	600	46	3
North West	120,500	29,300	11,600	2,600	94	5
Yorkshire and the Humber	73,000	15,100	6,800	1,200	35	2
East Midlands	59,900	18,500	5,200	1,400	22	2
West Midlands	106,200	26,900	9,900	2,200	73	3
East of England	67,700	27,700	6,400	2,200	32	2
London	92,200	4,800	8,500	400	86	3
South East	58,300	32,900	5,500	2,800	21	3
South West	53,900	37,200	4,500	3,100	19	3
Wales	60,300	21,500	4,900	1,700	22	3
Total⁴	761,500	222,100	69,000	18,200	38	3

¹ For those 1,800 local authority and 6,054 Church of England burial grounds providing information on the number of burials in the 10 years preceding the survey.

² Relates to the period April 2003 to March 2004.

³ For those 1,832 local authority and 6,198 Church of England burial grounds providing information on the number of burials in 2003/04.

⁴ Column totals may not sum due to rounding.

Table 11: Proportion of costs met by income¹ in the financial year 2003/04², for local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by region

England and Wales, financial year 2003/04												Number of burial grounds	
Region	None, and up to 25 per cent		26-50 per cent		51-75 per cent		76-100 per cent		No information provided		Receive voluntary financial contributions	Total	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number		
Local authority burial grounds													
North East	14	11	23	18	3	2	76	60	10	8	1	126	
North West	28	22	18	14	6	5	53	41	23	18	1	128	
Yorkshire and the Humber	25	10	4	2	60	23	153	60	15	6	3	257	
East Midlands	71	29	28	12	24	10	103	43	15	6	4	241	
West Midlands	16	11	17	12	13	9	77	52	24	16	10	147	
East of England	53	25	22	10	11	5	117	55	9	4	2	212	
London	23	18	20	15	11	8	40	31	36	28	3	130	
South East	85	28	51	17	30	10	96	31	44	14	4	306	
South West	74	29	33	13	24	9	100	39	28	11	11	259	
Wales	45	20	66	29	26	12	77	34	11	5	12	225	
Local authority total	434	21	282	14	208	10	892	44	215	11	51	2,031	
Church of England burial grounds													
North East	80	36	19	9	6	3	44	20	73	33	38	222	
North West	216	41	32	6	21	4	144	27	119	22	215	532	
Yorkshire and the Humber	228	41	26	5	21	4	144	26	132	24	158	551	
East Midlands	311	43	27	4	20	3	160	22	198	28	183	716	
West Midlands	311	45	48	7	27	4	157	23	141	21	264	684	
East of England	445	44	57	6	41	4	221	22	256	25	325	1,020	
London	58	32	7	4	4	2	31	17	81	45	52	181	
South East	514	45	79	7	49	4	286	25	208	18	451	1,136	
South West	498	42	79	7	65	6	262	22	272	23	460	1,176	
Wales	254	41	40	6	41	7	225	36	62	10	277	622	
Church of England total	2,915	43	414	6	295	4	1,674	24	1,542	23	2,423	6,840	

¹ Income in the form of fees, local authority budget, and suchlike.

² Relates to the period April 2003 to March 2004.

Table 12: Staffing and volunteer support of local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by region

England and Wales		Number of burial grounds employing the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff as indicated by column head										
Region	Directly employed full-time equivalent (FTE) staff											Total
	No staff		1 or fewer FTE		1 to 5 FTE		More than 5 FTE		No information provided		Receive voluntary practical help	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	
Local authority burial grounds												
North East	3	2	59	47	29	23	9	7	26	21	7	126
North West	14	11	48	38	48	38	11	9	7	5	7	128
Yorkshire and the Humber	21	8	168	65	26	10	18	7	24	9	11	257
East Midlands	85	35	94	39	42	17	2	1	18	7	34	241
West Midlands	29	20	62	42	32	22	6	4	18	12	18	147
East of England	54	25	80	38	52	25	10	5	16	8	37	212
London	10	8	20	15	48	37	20	15	32	25	7	130
South East	125	41	107	35	45	15	2	1	27	9	42	306
South West	92	36	112	43	27	10	6	2	22	8	33	259
Wales	72	32	66	29	53	24	4	2	30	13	29	225
Local authority total	505	25	816	40	402	20	88	4	220	11	225	2,031
Church of England burial grounds												
North East	150	68	17	8	-	0	-	0	55	25	113	222
North West	402	76	35	7	12	2	2	0	81	15	389	532
Yorkshire and the Humber	458	83	17	3	1	0	-	0	75	14	397	551
East Midlands	554	77	36	5	8	1	1	0	117	16	496	716
West Midlands	542	79	42	6	8	1	1	0	91	13	532	684
East of England	799	78	64	6	6	1	1	0	150	15	784	1,020
London	112	62	17	9	3	2	-	0	49	27	112	181
South East	935	82	65	6	12	1	-	0	124	11	906	1,136
South West	924	79	80	7	12	1	-	0	160	14	874	1,176
Wales	559	90	33	5	4	1	-	0	26	4	455	622
Church of England total	5,435	79	406	6	66	1	5	0	928	14	5,049	6,840

Table 13: Grounds maintenance policies of local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by region

England and Wales									Number of burial grounds
Region	Maintenance policy								Total burial grounds in region ¹
	Traditional (over whole of burial ground)		Traditional (over part of burial ground only)		Plants and wildlife, e.g. Living Churchyards		No maintenance policy or no information provided		
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	
Local authority burial grounds									
North East	107	85	16	13	18	14	2	2	126
North West	100	78	22	17	15	12	6	5	128
Yorkshire and the Humber	237	92	14	5	6	2	5	2	257
East Midlands	185	77	38	16	20	8	15	6	241
West Midlands	124	84	15	10	18	12	7	5	147
East of England	154	73	45	21	33	16	8	4	212
London	82	63	17	13	24	18	29	22	130
South East	241	79	40	13	45	15	15	5	306
South West	178	69	60	23	36	14	14	5	259
Wales	193	86	18	8	16	7	14	6	225
Local authority total	1,601	79	285	14	231	11	115	6	2,031
Church of England burial grounds									
North East	144	65	37	17	34	15	30	14	222
North West	324	61	102	19	112	21	75	14	532
Yorkshire and the Humber	332	60	140	25	126	23	50	9	551
East Midlands	465	65	156	22	139	19	67	9	716
West Midlands	429	63	160	23	178	26	62	9	684
East of England	570	56	308	30	324	32	78	8	1,020
London	96	53	36	20	41	23	35	19	181
South East	715	63	275	24	343	30	65	6	1,136
South West	796	68	218	19	293	25	84	7	1,176
Wales	456	73	104	17	99	16	51	8	622
Church of England total	4,327	63	1,536	22	1,689	25	597	9	6,840

¹ Rows do not sum to totals shown, since some burial grounds employed more than one type of maintenance policy.

Table 14: Public access to local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by region

England and Wales									Number of burial grounds
Region	Public access permitted at any time		Public access permitted during the daytime only		Public access permitted only by arrangement		No information provided		Total
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	
Local authority burial grounds									
North East	70	56	52	41	4	3	-	0	126
North West	54	42	43	34	28	22	3	2	128
Yorkshire and the Humber	199	77	38	15	17	7	3	1	257
East Midlands	155	64	65	27	16	7	5	2	241
West Midlands	49	33	82	56	8	5	8	5	147
East of England	125	59	73	34	10	5	4	2	212
London	11	8	89	68	7	5	23	18	130
South East	212	69	76	25	8	3	10	3	306
South West	207	80	31	12	12	7	4	2	259
Wales	174	77	49	22	-	0	2	1	225
Local authority total	1,265	62	598	29	115	6	62	3	2,031
Church of England burial grounds									
North East	196	88	10	5	10	5	6	3	222
North West	484	91	13	2	20	4	15	3	532
Yorkshire and the Humber	507	92	7	1	24	4	13	2	551
East Midlands	652	91	19	3	21	3	24	3	716
West Midlands	621	91	13	2	24	4	26	4	684
East of England	944	93	28	3	22	2	26	3	1,020
London	132	73	23	13	15	8	11	6	181
South East	1,062	93	24	2	31	3	19	2	1,136
South West	1,100	94	23	2	32	3	21	2	1,176
Wales	591	95	13	2	11	2	7	1	622
Church of England total	6,289	92	173	3	210	3	168	2	6,840

Table 15: Local authority and Church of England burial grounds reporting criminal activity in 2004, by region¹

England and Wales											Number of burial grounds	
Region	Violent crime, including robbery		Theft and criminal damage		Other criminal, disorderly or anti-social behaviour		Not aware of any criminal or anti-social activity		No information provided		Total burial grounds in region ²	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total		
Local authority burial grounds												
North East	5	4	75	60	81	64	25	20	5	4	126	
North West	7	5	61	48	67	52	34	27	17	13	128	
Yorkshire and the Humber	12	5	118	46	121	47	90	35	20	8	257	
East Midlands	4	2	65	27	74	31	117	49	33	14	241	
West Midlands	6	4	48	33	53	36	60	41	21	14	147	
East of England	12	6	67	32	61	29	86	41	33	16	212	
London	12	9	65	50	59	45	28	22	29	22	130	
South East	3	1	79	26	86	28	139	45	57	19	306	
South West	-	0	43	17	53	20	151	58	45	17	259	
Wales	6	3	27	12	34	15	136	60	48	21	225	
Local authority total	67	3	648	32	689	34	866	43	308	15	2,031	
Church of England burial grounds												
North East	1	0	51	23	79	36	101	45	33	15	222	
North West	12	2	146	27	185	35	231	43	74	14	532	
Yorkshire and the Humber	12	2	134	24	154	28	278	50	80	15	551	
East Midlands	11	2	126	18	143	20	403	56	118	16	716	
West Midlands	14	2	119	17	155	23	381	56	108	16	684	
East of England	9	1	181	18	188	18	563	55	188	18	1,020	
London	21	12	73	40	85	47	59	33	19	10	181	
South East	19	2	183	16	229	20	668	59	170	15	1,136	
South West	7	1	106	9	157	13	774	66	205	17	1,176	
Wales	2	0	54	9	77	12	429	69	92	15	622	
Church of England total	108	2	1,173	17	1,452	21	3,887	57	1,087	16	6,840	

¹ Data relate to the number of burial grounds reporting at least one incident of each type during 2004.² Row totals sum to more than the total number of burial grounds, because some burial grounds reported more than one type of criminal activity occurring.

Table 16: Safety procedures and burial plot layout plans of local authority and Church of England burial grounds, by region

England and Wales										Number of burial grounds
Region	Safety procedures ¹ in place for:			Existence of layout plans						Total burial grounds in region
				Plan exists		No plan exists		No information provided		
	Memorials	Inspections and audits	Plot layout, digging, ground care	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	
Local authority burial grounds										
North East	100	110	124	124	98	1	1	1	1	126
North West	113	110	112	115	90	8	6	5	4	128
Yorkshire and the Humber	213	244	203	202	79	49	19	6	2	257
East Midlands	173	172	185	207	86	30	12	4	2	241
West Midlands	121	117	119	130	88	11	7	6	4	147
East of England	163	167	176	180	85	21	10	11	5	212
London	82	79	90	100	77	7	5	23	18	130
South East	216	242	216	227	74	62	20	17	6	306
South West	203	213	195	205	79	38	15	16	6	259
Wales	186	188	193	188	84	32	14	5	2	225
Local authority total	1,570	1,642	1,613	1,678	83	259	13	94	5	2,031
Church of England burial grounds										
North East	121	104	96	115	52	94	42	13	6	222
North West	312	309	303	407	77	108	20	17	3	532
Yorkshire and the Humber	345	341	300	396	72	132	24	23	4	551
East Midlands	340	303	326	448	63	224	31	44	6	716
West Midlands	366	318	329	448	65	203	30	33	5	684
East of England	533	492	495	682	67	294	29	44	4	1,020
London	57	59	59	102	56	60	33	19	10	181
South East	531	489	540	779	69	315	28	42	4	1,136
South West	723	682	700	806	69	331	28	39	3	1,176
Wales	425	435	367	240	39	371	60	11	2	622
Church of England total	3,753	3,532	3,515	4,423	65	2,132	31	285	4	6,840

¹ Number of burial grounds confirming the existence of safety procedures.

Further information

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Appendix A: Defra rural / urban classification for England

Tables 3, 6 and 9 assign many of the burial grounds in England a rural / urban classification based on the degree of rurality of the local or unitary authority district within which each is located. This classification of districts was developed for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The criteria for each of the six classes of districts, and examples of where they are to be found, are summarised below. More information on the classification can be found on the Defra website at:

http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/ruralstats/rural-defn/LAClassifications_introguide.pdf.

Major Urban: districts with either 100,000 people or 50 per cent of their population in an urban area with a population of more than 750,000. Examples: districts of London, Birmingham, Manchester.

Large Urban: districts with either 50,000 people or 50 per cent of their population in an urban area with a population between 250,000 and 750,000. Examples: Bristol, Southampton, Sheffield.

Other Urban: districts with fewer than 37,000 people or less than 26 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns. Examples: Peterborough, Swindon, Torbay.

Significant Rural: districts with more than 37,000 people or more than 26 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns. Examples: parts of Kent, Staffordshire, Cheshire.

Rural-50: districts with at least 50 per cent but less than 80 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns. Examples: rural areas of Hampshire, Nottinghamshire, East Yorkshire.

Rural-80: districts with at least 80 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns. Examples: rural areas of Cumbria, Northumberland, Lincolnshire, Cornwall.