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| **Report No. 20223-30****Appendix:** **Agenda Item: 11.1** | **Council: Full Council****Date of Meeting: 12 October 2022** |
| **OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL** |
| **Report Author: Cllr Adam Lowe** | **Title: Church Yard** |
| **Title: Church Yard Grounds maintenance** |
| **Applicable Strategy:** 1. Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play.
2. Improve and increase facilities within the town.
3. Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay.
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**OTC do have a responsibility to maintain the closed Church Graveyard.**

**In recent weeks and months there has been an increase in ASB and vandalism.**

**Having reviewed work that has been undertaken and work that still needs to be undertaken the following issues have been identified and are captured in the pictures attached to this item**

**There are three elder bushes which have been allowed to grow and get out of control, one has been cut down, this was to reduce the growth and expose areas that ASB has occurred within and behind these hidden area.**

**There are three trees that have this elder bush also encroaching at their base.**

**On the wall adjacent to the passageway onto Cutts Close there is extensive ivy growing over the wall and is impacting the mortar.**

**(a) The proposal are that OTC obtain a quote with a view to having works undertaken to remove all the elder bushes highlighted in the pictures and the ivy on the wall and two tress where it is affecting the lower branches due to weight.**

**(b) The Office and Cllr Lowe lease directly with the vendors to ensure that the work is accurately identified and the quote is presented to the Council to agree that the works are carried out.**