

## **Rot to the Rescue!**

Our Burial Ground finances are being improved by the use of compost heaps. We have two wooden-slat composters in place. A large notice urges people to put their dead flowers and other organic waste therein, and most people have been happy to cooperate with us. The allotment owners have expressed interest in using the final product to grow their vegetables.

Good garden recycling, you may say, but how does it work financially? Answer, in saving us a lot of money. We currently pay the Council to empty a wheelie bin once a week. With much of the bulk waste now going into compost we can reduce the number of collections, and therefore the cost, by half.

We owe particular thanks to Dougall Morrison, one of our trustees, for this initiative.

So much for saving money; what about making it? The appeal has so far brought in about £16,500. If there was still such a thing as bank interest this would yield a useful income. Things being how they are, we especially appreciate donors who are willing to commit an annual sum. Our expenses will probably never be less than £2,000 p.a., compost or no compost, and so far we have less than half that in promised giving. It would be great if we could improve on that situation soon. Contact the Rectory if you feel able to help (773516 or [vicar@iffley.co.uk](mailto:vicar@iffley.co.uk)). Thank you.

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