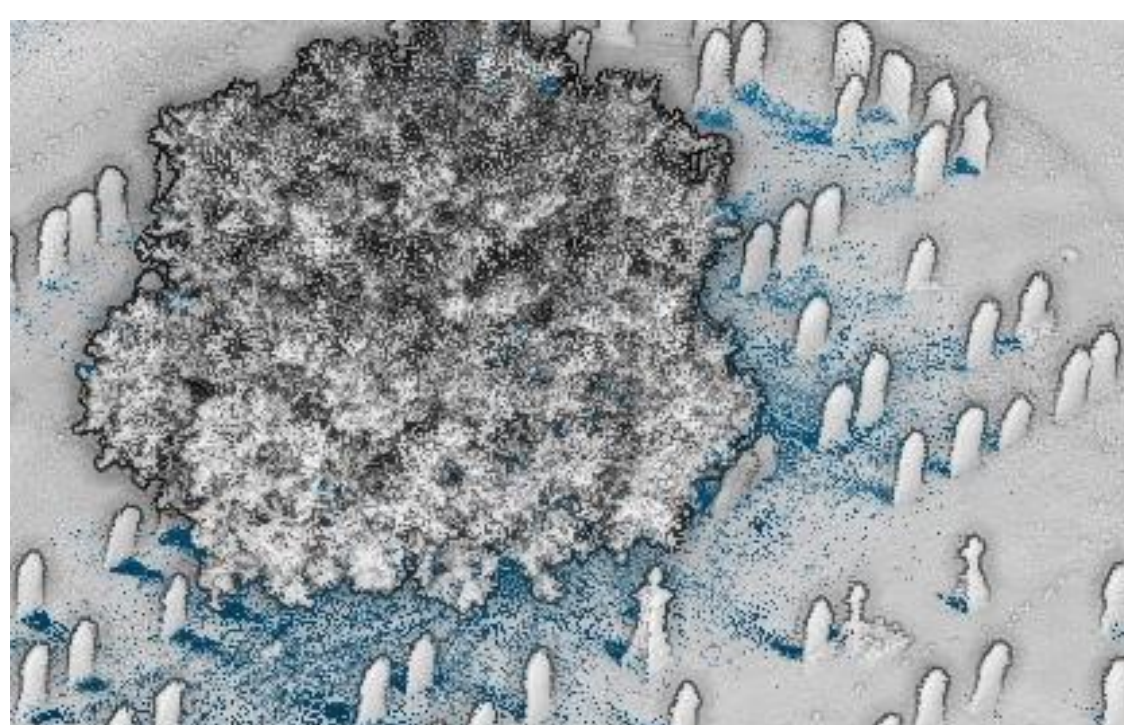
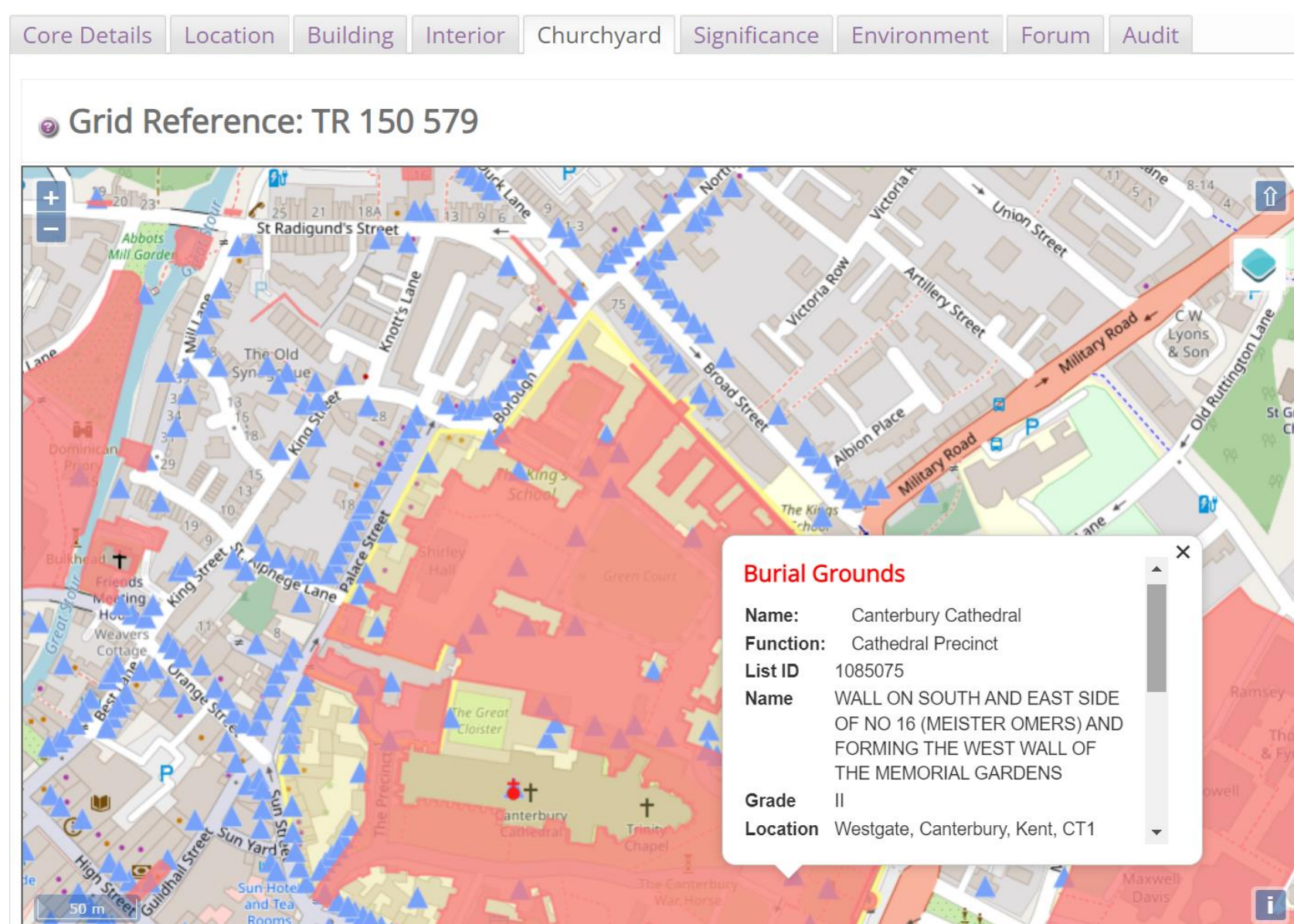


Creating a digital **Sanctuary**; mapping the divine in collaboration with FRH, by Joseph Elders

Bringing all European religious cultural heritage - landscapes, monuments and burials - together on one mapping interface, linking projects and people



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Members of FRH had the idea of forming a charity which could specialize in the digital mapping of all religious heritage, of all kinds and everywhere, as the basis for protection, conservation and interpretation for the public. Dr Thorsten Kruse, who has been recording religious heritage in Cyprus, and Dr Joseph Elders who has been doing the same in England, teamed up with a number of colleagues to found **Religoscape** to provide this function (<https://www.religioscape.com/>). As one can see there, our mission can be summarized as “helping communities rediscover their forgotten stories”.

The first task is to create an international digital map and baseline database structure capable of linking up all relevant projects and partners, supporting them and the relevant authorities in each country. This will be called **Sanctuary**. It was recently announced that for the second time FRH has been selected as one of the EU Networks receiving financial support from the Creative Europe network grants, for the FRH UNITE project. One of the projects that formed part of this successful bid was the creation of this European religious heritage database. Religoscape will work with FRH to make this vision a reality.

Sanctuary will be a unique web-based network, built bespoke, capable of collecting, managing and making available to the public information on religious sites of any type, faith and denomination, in any country in Europe. This provides a basis for supporting existing and new local, regional and national community and research projects.