

Diocese of Exeter – Shrinking the Footprint Achievements 2006-2016

The achievements are categorised by the 5 Shrinking the Footprint areas of action, and a group of underpinning actions [*indicates action as part of the EcoChurch SouthWest partnership]

Underpinning actions

Strategy

Diocesan Synod Debates (2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2017)

Diocesan 5 priorities plan and 10 year strategy

* SW Dioceses strategic planning and goals

People, networks and partnerships

Diocesan Shrinking the Footprint (StF) team

Employment of Clare Bryden as part-time consultant (2009-10)

Links to national network of Diocesan

Environment Officers

Setting up EcoChurch SouthWest (ECSW)

Member of CofE Environmental Working Group

* Partnership working with Ecotricity, Climate Works, Environmental Working Group

Work with European Christian Environmental

Network, Conference of European Churches,

World Council of Churches

New Plymouth Churches Green Action initiative

Communications

Exeter StF website, now replaced by...

* ECSW website and resources

Leaflets, articles and blogs

Talks and presentations on StF, energy, food

Campaigning

Attendance at COP15 in Copenhagen (2009), and other international events

Blue Wave train (2009)

Climate lobby (2015)

Procurement

Utilities

* Affinity scheme for 100% green electricity and gas

Churches and Christians switching suppliers

Work on fuel poverty issues – CosyDevon, EdF

* Work on water issues

Food and supplies

Local Organic Animal-Friendly Fairtrade work, Fairtrade Diocese, Fairtrade group

Work on food issues – Devon & Cornwall Food Action, farming, Food Exeter strategy, food leaflet, church land use, edible churchyards, food partnerships

Removal of bottled water

Recycling systems and training

Property and Land

Surveys and audits

Archidiaconal surveys (2015) and analysis

Devon Association for Renewable Energy (DARE) energy studies – churches and eco-schools

DARE survey of parsonages (2016)

Energy study and actions for the Old Deanery

DARE summary of activities (separate paper)

Rural Community Energy Fund-funded survey into woodland and biomass

Multi-faith tree planting day

Church visits by David Curry and Martyn Goss

Renewables investment

* Church of England investment discussions

* £3m funding from CCLA for green projects in the SW

Investments in renewable energy – solar and wind

Diocesan Community Energy company proposal

Engagement with Devon community energy schemes (e.g. Totnes)

* Workshop on churches and community energy Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) with CofE

Sustainable buildings

Promotion of energy conservation

* Conferences on heating and lighting

* Energy Benchmarking Scheme

* Low energy lighting bulb distribution

- * Implementation of smart meters
- Pilot of hot cushions
- * Solar photovoltaic electricity (PV) installations on 400+ buildings in the SW
- PV installations in the Diocese – churches, schools, houses
- Pilot of portable PV panel
- Installation of other renewable technologies – biomass, air-source heat pumps, etc
- * Pilots of other renewable technologies – ground-source heat pumps, biomass, etc
- Composting toilets in churches
- Reports and action at the Old Deanery

Churchyards

Churchyard conservation work
Trees leaflet and actions
Devon Living Churchyards project

Transport

Car-free days at the Old Deanery
Staff Travel Plan at the Old Deanery
Electric bikes pilot
Diocesan Board of Finance joining Exeter Co-Cars!
Clergy discussions on electric cars

Lifestyle

Work with Devon Churches Green Action, Devon Climate Action and Transition Towns
Community economy – local producers, growers, local currencies, Local Exchange Trading Schemes
EcoDiocese registration and new EcoChurches

Theology and Worship

- * Links to ministerial education
- * 3 Lent Carbon Fasts in 2014-2016

Active promotion of Season of Creation through leaflets, services, etc.
Worship material – prayers, hymns, reflections, psalms
Special acts of worship and Solidarity
Pilgrimage
Interfaith environment work – 4 Devon Earth and Faith Network events
'Roots of Inspiration' trees project, DVD, events