

ECO CHURCH

OUR JOURNEY TO NET CARBON ZERO

LAND

Quick wins:

- Encourage the native wildlife in your church land through:
 - Bird boxes
 - Bat boxes
 - Bug hotel
 - Hedgehog boxes
 - Any other ideas you might have!
- Keep stocked wildlife feeding stations in your church land
- Grow plants that benefit birds, bees, butterflies etc.
- Have an area of wildflower
- Avoid use of harmful chemicals (pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers)
- Install composting facilities on your church land
- Grow fruit and vegetables on your land (including planters, window boxes etc. as well as a community garden / allotment)
- Encourage your community to use your church land for recreation / contemplation (e.g. picnics, prayer etc.)



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Long term plans:

- Create a land management plan
- Undertake wildlife surveys on your land (for birds, animals and plants)
- Manage the land at your church to encourage native wildlife (birds, animals and plants)
- Research and establish a mowing regime appropriate to the conservation of the grassland and wildlife present
- Install a pond or wetland area
- Look into schemes, other than Eco Church, designed to promote conservation on church land (e.g. 'Living Churchyards')
- Participate in responsible native tree planting schemes (do consult with your Archdeacon before planting any trees!)

