



Help and advice

Buildings:

Churchcare (central property support)
<http://www.churchcare.co.uk>
DAC - http://southwell.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/DAC-Eco-Guidance.pub_.pdf

Churchyards

Churchyards are important spaces with public access where there are opportunities to simultaneously care for nature and create bridges into the community.

Notts Wildlife Trust, Blue butterfly scheme
<http://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org>

Caring for God's Acre

<http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk>

Eco Church – comprehensive church “greening” online scheme: <http://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

Edible Churchyards: www.ediblechurchyard.org

Grants of £250 available from Transforming Notts Together- see Diocese website

<http://southwell.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Edible-Churchyards-Scheme.pdf>

Christian Ecology Link, www.christian-ecology.org.uk

Operation Noah, www.operationnoah.org

Recycling

Clothes - Sharewear clothes bank (Bestwood): sharewearclothingscheme.org/

Furniture recycling – Arches 0115 9508744
www.thearchesnottingham.org

Betel 0115 9706192, www.betel.uk

Remar 0115 9244274, www.remar.uk.com

FREEDOM OF CREATION GROUP



celebrating and
protecting creation

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 THE CHURCH
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Introduction

We seek to be a diocese where every Christian and each local church has a compelling vision and plan for 'Growing Disciples: Wider Younger Deeper'. The Church of England has five Marks of Mission to help guide its priorities and encourage whole-life discipleship. The 5th mark is: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". Creation care is holistic and connects with each of the other marks of mission. Whole-life discipleship includes care for the life support system which God has placed us in and requires us to address our consumption, and to consider our web of often unseen interconnectedness with people across the planet. It gives us a platform to engage with an unchurched culture, proclaiming the good news which requires the transformation of every one of us, linking creation care with justice and poverty reduction.

Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God
Romans 8:21



The Group

The Diocesan Freedom of Creation group exists to support and encourage things to happen by implementing the diocesan environment policy. It has a representative from each deanery. It meets twice a year to address issues of environmental concern, and report to the Bishop's Council through the Director of Partnerships and Mission. It helps and supports individual churches and "Green Champions". It has been negotiating with the DAC on how to approach faculties for environmental improvements, and promotes an energy audit scheme subsidised by the diocese, as well as facilitating events and workshops on environmental issues and practical approaches.

The prayer is that every church will be a place that delights in God's creation and works towards shrinking environmental footprints.



Read the diocesan environment policy here:
<http://southwell.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Diocesan-Environment-Policy-2015.pdf>

Ideas

- Become a Green Champion- get your PCC agreement and contact Catriona Gundlach*
- Online Churchyard Watch - post sightings with links to Notts Wildlife Trust/ RSPB
- Organise a Churchyard Green/ Environmental Festival
- Find out about Forest Church - www.forestchurch.co.uk
- Start a Community Orchard - www.facebook.com/PleasleyCommunityOrchard

What have we done?

- Solar panels on vicarages
- Church building free energy audits by Nottingham Energy Partnership – details from Catriona Gundlach*
- Edible Churchyard Grants- <http://southwell.anglican.org/grants-offer-start-growing-edible-churchyards/>
- Big Church Switch" (joint Christian Aid / Tearfund / STF scheme to encourage take up of green energy - which is turning payments into investments in clean energy)
- Invested in a commercial wind turbine

