

Caritas Eco Review - Biodiversity

We hope you find this tool helpful to look at your parish or school grounds and see where there may be opportunities to create habitats, help manage changing weather patterns through planting or increase the biodiversity of your spaces.

It would be great to see your completed reviews as this helps us build a picture of activity and support needed, so we can focus on what helps most. Once we receive a completed form, we will either send on relevant information or get in touch to talk further. Thank you for taking part.

Parish/Church:	Address:
Parish Priest:	Date completed and name & position of person completing this form:
General Parish Questions	
Are you a <i>LiveSimply</i> Parish? If no would you be interested in becoming one.	
Do you regularly include the environment in special liturgies, devotions, prayer services, and other activities? If yes, please detail.	
Do you have a Laudato Si or environmental group in the Parish? If yes, please detail and add a contact if appropriate.	
Do you encourage parishioners to be environmentally friendly at home, work and beyond? If yes, please detail.	
What support would you like from Caritas to help your parish care for creation?	

Biodiversity Questions

Have you planted any new trees in the last 5 years (if yes, please detail)?
Is there space to plant trees?
If yes, would you be interested in planting more trees?

Have you planted any hedges in the last 5 years (if yes please detail)?
Is there space to plant a hedge?
If yes, would you be interested in planting some a hedge?

Do you have any areas planted for pollinators, whether flower beds or wild flower areas (if yes please detail)?
Is there space to plant pollinator attractive plants?
If yes, would you be interested in developing this?

Do you, or do you have capacity to, grow your own produce (fruit/veg) on site, perhaps to donate to local families or a local foodbank/food project/pantry?
If yes please detail, if no would you be interested in developing this?

Do you have areas devoted to other wildlife or nature activities, e.g creating habitats or shelters?
Is there any suitable space to develop wildlife friendly spaces?
If yes, would you be interested in developing this?

Do you have water butts or a rainwater collection system in place? If yes please detail, if no would you be interested in developing this?

Do you have a compost bin, and is it actively used? If yes please detail, if no is this something you would be interested in developing?	
Have you done any action on depaving or creating rainwater gardens. Please detail if yes. If you aren't familiar with these initiatives, would you be interested in learning more?	
Are you connected to any local green networks? What activities do you do with them?	
Would you be interested in learning more about using grounds as a community garden project?	
Any other comments/initiatives?	

Please email your completed form, and any questions/comments you may have, or to arrange a visit to: caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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