

Caritas Eco Review May 2024

We hope you find this tool helpful to look at the environmental activity already happening in your parish. For some, you may already be doing lots of what is on the list, others may just be starting out. We have included lots of links to information, resources and projects to support your journey. Additional sections will be added soon.

It would be great to see your completed reviews as this helps us build a picture of what is already happening in the Diocese and whether there are any specific resources or guidance that is needed. You can email your completed forms to caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish/School:	Date
Contact details	

Questions	Your Notes	Resources
Have you used resources such as CAFOD's LiveSimply Award or Journey to 2030 in your parish?		The Live Simply Award Journey to 2030 ' Building a Caring Community '
Do you have an environmental group in your parish / school?		How to get started – page 6 of the Eco-parish Guide Journey to 2030 – how to get started
Do you regularly include the environment in special liturgies, devotions, prayer services, and other activities?		Laudato Si' Movement monthly prayer guide Laudato Si' Prayer Book Laudato Si' Week resources
Do you encourage parishioners to be more environmentally friendly at home?		Ideas poster designed for parishes but can be used at home Caritas Climate Pledge Card
Are you involved in any local green networks or participate in local events as a parish?		Online networks Green Christian Laudato Si' Movement

<p>Would someone in the parish like to join the Diocese Laudato Si network? If so, please ask them to contact caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p>		<p>The Laudato Si network is a group of parishioners from around the diocese interested in or actively supporting their parish in their effort to reduce their environmental impact.</p>
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Parish Grounds - Biodiversity

Questions	Your notes	Links and Resources
Have you space to plant trees?		Planting tree guide
Is there space to plant a hedge?		Simple guide to hedges
Do you have space to grow plants that are good for pollinators?		<p>Plants that support pollinators Are you on a B-Line Butterfly identification guide Bee identification guide</p>
Are there any areas that can be left to go wild or planted with wildflowers?		Wild flowers on grass How to make a seed bomb
Is there capacity to grow food – either to donate to local families or a local foodbank/food project or pantry?		Growing food in a parish - A case study
Are there places for insect hotels, bird or bat boxes, log stacks or piles of leaves to create new habitats or shelters?		<p>How to build an insect hotel and other ideas How to make a nest box for birds Hedgehog homes</p>
Are there water butts or a rain water collection system?		Slow release water butts
Is there space for some compost bins to recycle green waste and build healthy soil.		<p>How to compost Wormeries</p>

Are there areas that can be depaved or allow the creation of a rain garden to help with water run off during storms?		Depaving and Why depave? Rain gardens
Does your parish join in any Citizen Science projects?		Examples include Big Garden Bird Watch Big Butterfly Count Shoresearch
Would you be interested in learning about using the parish grounds as a community garden project.		Community garden projects – in the diocese and elsewhere

Any other comments/initiatives?

Although this review is a guide for parishes, we would love to hear from you so if you have any comments, ideas of question do return the form or get in touch with us at : caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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