

## **Horsham Eco Churches at Plant to Plate Festival 26.4.25**

**Eco Church** - A Rocha UK's programme to equip churches in England and Wales to care for creation. The new free Eco Church Survey has the most impact on climate and nature, as churches work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Eco Church Awards, in 5 areas of church life.

- Worship and Teaching
- Buildings and Energy
- Land and Nature
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle

Free resources to quickly explore why and how to undertake recommended actions. Longer reads, case studies, promotional material and Welsh language resources. <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

**Target 25: Protecting vulnerable species across the UK** - A Rocha UK's project to help a wide range of 25 target places and species that are struggling with the effects of climate change, habitat loss and pollution, including hedgehogs. <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25>

**Climate Stewards** for people and planet, carbon with a conscience, join us on the journey to Net Zero. Measure – Reduce – Offset. Part of the A Rocha family of organisations, caring for God's creation around the world. Offering high quality carbon offsets since 2007, helps you to measure your carbon footprint, reduce what you can and offset the rest. Climate Stewards works with trusted community projects, which bring multiple local benefits alongside carbon mitigation. <https://www.climatestewards.org/>

**Horsham Wildways** bringing us closer to nature by creating wildlife corridors throughout Horsham. 7 high-level Wildways have been mapped and the habitats assessed. They all pass through public spaces managed by Horsham District Council, parts of these are in the Council's three year mowing regime trial. Potential benefits of leaving part of our Green Spaces for nature include:

- **Encourage** UK native plants and fungi to re-establish themselves, bringing with them a wide variety of invertebrates, birds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.
- **Enrich** human senses by bringing different colours, scents and wildlife to a space that was previously a green grass monoculture.
- **Explore** the map. Does a Wildway pass near where you live?  
Is there a green space near you or a garden that you would like to improve?

<https://www.horshamgreenspaces.org/wildways>

**Horsham Green Spaces - Improve My Patch** – online videos and links including:

- How to Make Toad Abode For Your Garden
- How to attract wildlife to your garden
- How to sow a wildflower patch
- How to build a pond

<https://www.horshamgreenspaces.org/improvemypatch>

**Weald to Waves** - 3 goals <https://www.wealdtowaves.co.uk>

1. Create a nationally significant 100-mile wildlife corridor across Sussex from Ashdown Forest, via Knepp Wildland, taking in 3 rivers to bolster the kelp forests off the Sussex coast, so that wildlife can travel through the landscape more easily.
2. Promote nature as a provider of vital ecosystem services - clean water, fertile soils, pollination, carbon capture and flood control.
3. Engage people and communities by creating new opportunities to understand, enjoy and protect nature along the corridor.

**Fairtrade** - Climate change hits those in low-income countries the hardest, increasingly extreme, unpredictable weather is destroying bananas, coffee, cocoa and other crops.

- Farmers and workers, already underpaid, have even less to spend on essentials such as education, medical treatment and even food.
- Fairtrade works with farming co-operatives, businesses and governments to make trade fairer, so that producers earn secure and sustainable livelihoods.
- Over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold. Look for the FAIRTRADE Mark.
- Churches re-commit online every 2 years to being a Fairtrade Place of Worship.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

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