

## Horsham Eco Churches Ten Tips for a Greener Christmas 2025

1. **Make your own Fairtrade Hamper** using an old box or basket, or gift individual items eg: Fairtrade chocolate, tea, coffee, wine and jam.  
<https://fairtrade.net/uk-en/products-and-producers/buy-fairtrade.html>
2. **Support local** shops, markets and farms, choose items with minimal packaging and remember to take your reuseable shopping bags with you!
3. **Get creative** – reuse decorations, visit charity shops, make or bake your own decorations and gifts.
4. **Gift ideas:** tickets, membership, experience days, reusable water bottle, hot drink cup or flask.
5. **Choose gifts which make a difference** eg adopt a species, plant a tree, [toilet twinning](#), help a family fight the climate crisis with Ripple Effect garden twinning and other gifts <https://rippleeffect.org/gifts/>
6. **Use rechargeable batteries** when you can, and they are a useful gift. Recycle single use batteries at shops which sell batteries, as they cause fires in waste lorries and sorting centres.
7. **Wrap with** reused paper and gift bags, old scarves, pieces of fabric, pillow cases or duvet covers, tied with ribbon, string or wool.
8. **Reuse and recycle** wrapping paper, if it scrunches and stays in a ball it can be recycled, if it doesn't it or it includes glitter, please put it in general waste.
9. **Recycle soft plastics** including film wrappers for crisps, fruit and veg, film lids, nets and food pouches at major supermarkets.  
<https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/supermarket-recycling/>
10. **Use leftovers** in soups, bubble and squeak, mix with beaten egg for a frittata, or freeze to use later. Eat up some food in your freezer now, to make room for Christmas food offers and leftovers!

**A Rocha UK** has more ideas in their [Twelve Tips for a Greener Christmas](#).

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

<https://horshamct.org.uk/eco-churches>