



## Diocesan Environment Group

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No diocesan officer

**Meetings:** Four meetings per year – usually virtual

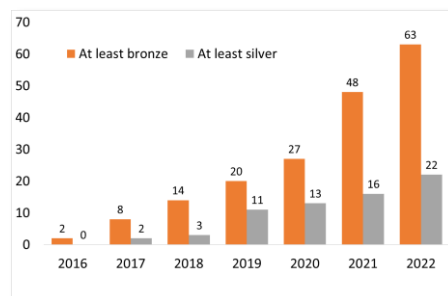
## Summary of vision, activities & aspirations:

### Churches

**Vision: All churches (and the cathedral) to be engaged with the Eco Church scheme and most to have achieved Silver or Gold awards and the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) milestones.**

#### **Achievements in past 12 months:**

- 1) Eco Church: 140 Churches registered with 63 awards (54 bronze, 22 silver & 2 gold).
- 2) Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) completion rate was 33% (down from 57% previous year).
- 3) Training via BCM Creation Care (CC) provided to 6 Eco Champions.



#### **Aspirations for next 12 months:**

- 1) Eco Church numbers increased to 200 registrations with 100 awards.
- 2) Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) completed by at least 75% churches for 2022.
- 3) Training provided via BCM Creation Care to 15 Eco Champions.
- 4) Newsletters produced & surgery sessions attended by Eco Champions.

### Diocese

**Vision: To achieve Eco Diocese Silver award, be working towards a Gold award, and implementing the Net Zero Carbon Routemap milestones with a suitably resourced staff team**

#### **Achievements in past 12 months:**

- 1) Last March Diocesan Synod (DS) agreed to a climate emergency motion and called on parishes to respond by caring for God's creation. Synod also agreed to keep investments fossil-free for the future (currently true).
- 2) Net Zero Carbon plan: DEG considered the routemap issued by the national church that defines the expectations for dioceses, parishes, offices & schools; also looked at other dioceses' NZC plans and talked to consultants about possible assistance in drawing up our own plan.

- 3) National church announced £190m funding package for NZC (not nearly enough) including a £15k starter grant & £125k to build capacity over 3 years.
- 4) The National church has produced excellent webinars and documents to assist parishes & dioceses.
- 5) An Environmental Communications Strategy has been put into place with Jemima Lewis and action has been taken (i.e. regular green section of newsletter and improved location of information on website).
- 6) Website: the group has established a very useful resource for Eco Leads and clergy to use.
- 7) Training of Eco Leads/Champions network through two BCM CC programmes.
- 8) DAC Environment Document (2021) is available giving good guidance.
- 9) The overall footprint of the diocese in 2021 was estimated to be 8,210 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> but much better input data is needed from parishes.

Sector Emissions	2021 Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e
Churches	2310
Church Halls	390
Schools	3700
Houses	1500
Other buildings	280
Travel	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>8210</b>

***Aspirations for next 12 months (depending on resources):***

- 1) Close in on achieving an Eco Diocese Silver award, to be attained in 2024.
- 2) Have suitable staff resources to plan and action work on CC and NZC.
- 3) Draw up a NZC carbon plan in consultation with Dioc. Sec. & Dioc. Synod.
- 4) Work with other diocese(s) to write a second phase grant for resources to build capacity for NZC (c. £125k) from 2024 onwards and recruit staff.
- 5) Achieve a much better return of data for the carbon footprint of the diocese.
- 6) The diocesan offices being a good low carbon example.
- 7) DAC continue policies and practices which assist parishes towards NZC.
- 8) Develop a new environmental policy including land usage.
- 9) Have a regular set of news items for the newsletter to stimulate action.
- 10) Website: to hugely increase awareness and complete the provision of the hub/resource for Eco Leads and clergy to use, leaning on excellent national resources.
- 11) Train Diocesan staff in carbon awareness.
- 12) Train & develop Eco Leads/Champions by increasing the network by 20% and running two BCM CC programmes (with more than 15 from the diocese).
- 13) Run a programme of short courses for laity and clergy.
- 14) Overall carbon footprint reduction of large energy users by 10%.

**Schools** (currently outside scope of DEG but part of NZC diocese)

**Vision: All schools to have achieved Eco Schools Silver or Gold awards and the NZC Routemap milestones, and be teaching children about caring for creation as part of Christian distinctiveness.**

**Achievement in past 12 months:** – none involving DEG.

**Aspirations for next 12 months:** – hopefully some progress towards NZC.

**Congregants** (influence only)

**Vision: To encourage the ‘green journey’ of all congregants as a normal part of their walk of faith / discipleship**

**Achievement in past 12 months:**

- Regular creation care elements in weekly e-newsletter.

**Aspirations for next 12 months:**

- Frequent creation care elements in weekly e-newsletter.