Role Description: Eco Champion / Parish Environmental Advocate/ Eco Lead

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| **Parish:** |  |

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| **Winchester Diocese** |
| Our vision is that the Diocese of Winchester tackles climate change and other environmental issues effectively. It is committed to help churches and individuals make the necessary changes in what we do and how we live by providing information, encouragement and support. As a first step, in March 2022 the Diocesan Synod declared a climate and ecological emergency. This helps the church set priorities for planning and allocation of resources. |

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| **Parish Context** |
| *A brief statement describing your parish:****Example 1:*** *St XXXX is a traditional rural church dating from the 11th century surrounded by a closed churchyard which has grazing land or woodland along two boundaries with the vicarage and two other village houses along the remainder.**The congregation is mostly elderly so practical, physical work is restricted. The church is regarded as an integral part of the local community where the majority of people are concerned changes they see in the environment.****Example 2:*** *St YYYY is a young, lively church that meets in a new (2014) purpose-built building on a housing estate on the edge of the town. There are a large number of young people from 0 to 40, but with a significant and valued older population as well.* *There is only a small amount of ground around the church. The congregation is mostly from the immediate area and is involved with projects such as the local food bank and debt counselling. Young people have expressed an interest in becoming more actively involved in caring for their local environment in whatever ways they can.* |

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| **Role description** *(i.e what you will be doing. This is where you put down what you, your vicar and the PCC agree your role will be). If it is difficult to get your vicar on board, there is still benefit in you writing what you see yourself doing – it can be modified as circumstances change.* |
| ***Examples:***1. *To register the church with the A Rocha UK Eco Church programme.*
2. *To familiarise the church, especially the vicar and PCC, with the CoE Routemap to Net Zero Carbon (NZC) and to encourage the adoption of the routemap’s milestones as applicable.*
3. *To complete the Bishop’s Commission for Mission Creation Care course.*
4. *To identify other members of the congregation with a serious and active concern about environmental issues and caring for creation. To invite them to join a Creation Care Team (CCT).*
5. *To get familiar and to keep up to date about, creation care issues and to distribute appropriate information to the rest of the team, the vicar and the PCC.*
6. *Together with the team, to build links with local groups involved with environmental issues, such as local wildlife groups, town and district councils, community groups etc.*
7. *To help with teaching and training about creation care within the church, e.g. during services, home groups, other events.*

*… continue to add your own possibilities!* |

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| **Objectives to be achieved** *(It is helpful to set targets and goals within a reasonable and realistic timeframe)* |
| ***Examples:***1. *Register as an Eco Church by 31st December 202A*
	1. *Achieve Eco Church Bronze by end of 202B*
	2. *Achieve Eco Church Silver by end of 202C*
2. *Establish milestones for St XXXX’s Routemap to NZC by end of 202B*
3. *Obtain diocesan assistance in surveying St XXXX for energy use, opportunities for insulation, installation of solar panels and green alternatives for heating.*
4. *Working with the church leadership and administrative staff, ensure that office practices are environmentally friendly.*
5. *Working with the church treasurer, ensure that the parish Energy Footprint Tool is completed annually and the 360 Degrees Carbon Calculator is used for St XXXX’s information and development.*

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| **Supervision and oversight** *(It is useful to state who you are accountable to, e.g. directly to the vicar, or to another member of the church staff).*  |
| **Supervisor:** |  |
| **Training needs:** | *E.g. specific courses or conferences it would be useful to attend* |
| **DBS & Safeguarding:** | *Be aware that your role might need you to have DBS & safeguarding checks. Your vicar/parish safeguarding officer can advise.* |

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| **Signed:** |  |
| **Eco Champion/ Lead** |  |
| **Supervisor** |  |
| **Date** |  |