

CIRCUIT ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

Sheridan Pengelly February 2025

This strategy aims to **build on and maintain the achievements of 2024**. E.g. Encouraging an annual service that focuses on climate change will continue as we continue to try and meet the criteria to be an ECO Circuit.

GOOD NEWS. We have four Silver ECO Church Award winners in the Circuit, Braintree, Moulsham Lodge and St Augustines and South Woodham Ferrers.

Plans are being made for another Local Preachers and Worship Leaders ECO training event to be led by the Chelmsford Diocesan Environmental Officer.

More churches across the Circuit are taking part in the collection of blister packs and Broomfield's charity of the year is Tools With a Mission taking donations of second hand tools and sending them to communities that are in need.

Application has been made for the ECO Circuit Award and further queries are now being addressed.

VACANCY: there is a vacancy for Circuit ECO Rep from 31st March. If anyone is considering volunteering, I would be glad to have a conversation.

Please scroll down this document for a reminder of what the current strategy looks like.

Aims	Action taken so far	Next action	Who?	When?
Aim to become a Bronze Awarded ECO Circuit, the criteria for which are:				
Register intent to be an ECO Circuit with A Rocha			SP	Done

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Commission an individual or group	Sheridan Pengelly Circuit Steward for ECO issues supported by DH.	Would like to strengthen the group of representatives from each church.		
Agree an environmental policy	We already have a policy.	Review existing policy.	SP/DH	
Gain the appropriate level of awards for ECO Church	<p>Circuits of 11 to 100 churches</p> <p>Bronze Eco Circuit: at least 10% of local churches awarded</p> <p>Silver Eco Circuit: at least 20% of local churches awarded</p> <p>Gold Eco Circuit: at least 40% of local churches awarded</p>	<p>Registered</p> <p>Maldon</p> <p>Witham</p> <p>The Church at Great Notley (LEP)</p> <p><i>Bronze</i></p> <p>Broomfield</p> <p>Trinity Chelmsford</p> <p><i>Silver</i></p> <p>Christchurch Braintree</p> <p>St Augustines</p> <p>Moulsham Lodge</p> <p>South Woodham Ferrers (LEP)</p> <p>Unregistered</p> <p>Hatfield Peverel</p> <p>Coggeshall</p> <p>Halstead</p>		
Achieved appropriate level of award for Circuit office and land if appropriate.	Circuit office space is in Trinity Building which has already obtained bronze award status.		SP/DH Circuit Administrator	
Embedded environmental issues within the curricula of ongoing	Provide links to resources on Circuit website and shared at LP meeting.		LPs Ministers	

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presbyterial and local preacher education and support	LP meeting - workshop and discussion about preparing worship with a caring for the climate theme. 22.5.24 Further event planned Sept 25.			
Managed Circuit investments ethically	CFB now divested.	Look at where bank accounts are held from an ethical perspective.	CLT Circuit Treasurer DH	
Worked with other denominations and or faith groups	Joint Harvest Festivals South Woodham Ferrers (three denominations sharing one building) Broomfield Community event Broomfield Methodist church (Bronze award winner) had a stall sharing ECO tips Climate march - members from 4 churches across the Circuit joined a Climate March beginning with Worship organised by Christian Climate Action and ending at Parliament Square.		Churches Together Reps	
Established the habit of recording and celebrating individual environmental initiatives	Regular items/articles in Circuit magazine and individual church magazines.	This needs to be improved - no recent stories shared	Stewards and/or ECO Reps to submit stories to Circuit Newsletter on a regular basis.	