



# ST. COLUMBA'S



## Hyperlinks

Click on the underlined words and it'll open a website with more information.

## Local Eco Groups

### Jersey Trees for Life

Their mission is to plant, protect and nurture trees while educating and inspiring the community about their environmental and social importance.



## Pollinator Project

### Find out more about Jersey's Pollinator Project

You'll also find links to Jersey's Butterfly Monitoring Project



## Target 25

Target 25 is A Rocha UK's project to help a range of declining species, taxonomic groups, and threatened habitats.

At St Columba's we've chosen to focus on bees and butterflies. We've planted a pollen patch at the side of the church (have you seen our pollen patch sign?) taken part in the Big Butterfly Count and produced leaflets (**on the church website**) about environmentally friendly gardening and things you can do to help.



You can find out more about Target 25 [click here](#).

There are information sheets about butterflies and bees on the website, underneath the gardening leaflet. [Click here](#).

# BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT



The Big Butterfly Count is a nationwide citizen science survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Big Butterfly Count takes place 17 Jul - 9 Aug. It's really easy to take part and is a great activity for families.



Jersey Butterfly Monitoring scheme is looking for volunteers. Email them if you are interested.

### **Find out how to take part**

[wildaboutjersey@gov.je](mailto:wildaboutjersey@gov.je)

## Good News

Greenpeace reports that green sea turtles are no longer endangered.

The Antarctic ozone hole is the smallest its been in 5 years.

From July 2026 the EU will prohibit the destruction of unsold clothes, companies will need to explore recycling and smarter production planning.

It is possible to change things for the better!

## Earthshot Prize

The Earthshot Prize, launched by Prince William, is a prestigious global award established to find and fund innovative solutions to the world's biggest environmental challenges.

### **See what the winners have been doing**

## Ethical Consumer

### **Ethical Consumer website**

As consumers we can make a difference by purchasing ethically produced goods and services. Sign up for their free newsletter.



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# Net Zero

The **Church of Scotland** has pledged to be a Net Zero organisation by 2030, that's just four years away. Net Zero means reaching a state in which climate pollution going into the atmosphere is balanced by removal out of the atmosphere. In order to reach Net Zero you need to know your carbon footprint. Your carbon footprint is a measure of the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere as a result of the activities of a particular individual, organisation, or community.

Summer 2026



St Columba's carbon footprint in 2024 was 2.38 tCO<sub>2</sub>. A typical church in the UK is 5-15 tCO<sub>2</sub>. So we're well on our way to Net Zero. Our church now has a Net Zero Action Plan and we'll be looking at ways to reduce our carbon footprint and offset the remainder.

Part of our Eco Church Silver Award requires us to calculate our carbon footprint and have a plan to reduce it.

We are going to offset our carbon footprint with the local charity Jersey Trees for Life.

We'd like to encourage the whole congregation to calculate their own carbon footprint. It's not that difficult, there is a great online calculator that is free to use and suggests ways that you can reduce your impact on the environment. I have created a simple guide on the church website to help

you. There are lots of carbon calculators out there but this one is simple, works with Jersey's emissions factor and is suitable for children to get involved.

**[Click here to calculate your carbon footprint](#)**



## Silver Award

St Columba's has been awarded a Silver

Eco Church Award

Thank you to everyone who has helped

