Churches and partner groups/organisations

17 members of our Greenshoots Network met online on 23rd Feb 2026 to share news of the various partnerships their churches have with other groups and organisations. These and others mentioned are listed below.

Church	Partner/project	Comments
Area gatherings of Eco Churches. Sometimes CofE, sometimes ecumenical	Bracknell Eco Churches (ecumenical) MK Eco Church Network (ecumenical) Watling Valley Eco Church reps group Wokingham Deanery Green Team Wallingford Deanery Environmental Network	NB group titles may not be entirely accurate!
Several Reading area churches including St John & St Steven's, and Emmer Green	Reading Green Christians	Planning a church resourcing event in the summer. Keen to include local groups such as Reading Football Club who wear the climate stripes on their kit.
Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes	The church hosts the Milton Keynes Climate Action Network (20 members) Also hosts a Climate Café	Input to MK City Partnership sustainability issues
Christ the Cornerstone, MK	Milton Keynes City Council	Council keen to work with churches and has shared funding opportunities
St Mary's, Shaw, Newbury	West Berkshire Councillors environment forum attended discovered the Newbury Friends of the Earth Nature Corridors project and set up a networking forum.	Nature Corridors project keen to have churches on board. Exhibition in late summer at Newbury Museum. Other churches have found them on the Eco Church map and asked about Eco Church.
St Nicholas, Hurst	Wildlife corridors work	
Earley area churches	Earley Environment Group	road verges project
Any churchyard / church garden	Buglife's B-Lines project Hedgehog Street	Mapped invertebrate wildlife corridors, see if your church is in one. Gaps under fences to connect areas e.g. Kirtlington
Christ the Cornerstone Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes City Council	Co-manage some land at front of church and now have a north and south garden, part of a wider corridor.
Christ the Cornerstone Milton Keynes	MK Green Gym	Volunteers manage a park near the church which may be linked in a corridor to the station
All Saints Faringdon	Faringdon Town Council Imperial College London	Work on management of closed churchyard Habitat management advice & lichen experts advised too
St Mary's Wargrave, St Mary's Twyford, & St Helen's Benson	Scything trainers / volunteer groups with scything skills. The churches may have contacts.	
St Mary's, North Leigh	Local Gardening Society Witney Eco Forum	For a churchyard botanical survey Monthly talks and a useful way to link into other organisations.
Wargrave and others	Local uniformed groups (Brownies, Cubs, Scouts etc.)	Invited for Churches Count on Nature and other churchyard surveys Churches Count on Nature

Long Crendon	Local school garden club & Brownies	Wildflower seeding, bulb planting
HT Headington Quarry	Shotover Preservation Society Friends of the Earth Oxford Friends of Leigh Valley Churches Together Ox Clean Litter Pick with local students	
St Helen's Benson	Benson Area Nature Group Benson Community Shed Benson Parish Council	Churchyard surveys and management e.g. scything Make/build useful things Talking about resilience to climate and flooding etc
Hope Church Bicester	Elmsbrook School	Share an outdoor nature area used for Forest School & Muddy Church
St Peter's Quarrendon	https://soilecologylab.co.uk/compost-championship/	Soil analysis and advice and training on composting and growing for community gardens etc. They have some sponsorship to subsidise soil testing for groups growing food, flowers or trees.
St Michael's Aston Tirrold & others in Churn Benefice	Climate Coalition for "Show The Love" and conversations with local MPs Bioabundance Other sustainability initiatives shared on St Michael's A Church Near You Climate Action page	Advocacy actions and events Share advice such as Bioabundance for gardeners Showing what's important to the church community to those searching for a church
St Mary's Amersham	Amersham Museum Wild Amersham	Bring it Back churchyard wildlife survey & interpretation project together
All Saints Marlow	Wild Marlow	Peregrine nest camera and wildlife surveys
St Peter's Burnham	BBOWT's Nextdoor Nature project and Men's Sheds	Put up swift boxes on the church (story here)
5 Chinnor area churches	BBOWT's Rough Around the Edges project BBOWT's wildlife actions for gardens with some suitable for churchyards	Churchyard management under Chinnor Churches Go Wild
St Mary's Fawley & others	Wild Oxfordshire (Community Ecologist)	Advice on churchyard management for wildlife
Several churches	Their local Primary School	Churches Count on Nature e.g. Lambourn, Wild Worship e.g. Clewer Forest School e.g. Hope Church Bicester, etc.
For environmental film showings	Independent Cinema Office - What licences do I need? Advice shared to shop around as a licence to show a film can vary in price from different places. For example Kinema found to be cheaper than others for Six Inches of Soil.	
Maps to log your actions on / identify other churches/groups to connect with	www.bbowt.org.uk/team-wilder/action-map for churchyard actions https://mymap.eco/ The Mycelium Map www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk/groups Oxfordshire Community Groups And Eco Churches are added to this automatically: https://app.ecochurch.org/map	