



OCTOBER 2024 UPDATES

CREATION CARE

People's Plan for Nature

The People's Plan for Nature is a plan created for the people, by the people of the UK - a vision for the future of nature, and the actions we must all take to protect and renew it. With input from thousands of people from across the UK, the People's Plan for Nature calls for urgent, immediate action - from governments, businesses, charities, organisations, farmers and communities - to protect and fundamentally change how we value nature. Find out more and download the People's Plan for Nature here:

<https://peoplesplanfornature.org/>

The International Tree Foundation UK Community Tree Planting Programme 2024/25

The Foundation is currently inviting applications to its 2024/25 UK Community Tree Planting Programme to support grassroots community engagement in tree planting. If you are intending to undertake some tree planting this Autumn/Winter read on for further information on tree planting grants: [UK Community Tree Planting Grant – International Tree Foundation](#)

CUT CARBON

Quick wins grants available to churches

The Quick Wins grant is open to applications from all churches in the Diocese of Truro which need or want to quickly access a small amount (£2,500 or lower) to make improvements that will immediately reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of the church, whilst potentially enabling it to grow and support mission.

The grants will be managed by Ben Wood, the diocese's Cut Carbon Support Officer (CCSO), who will work with the applicant church, the DAC, and other diocesan teams where relevant. For more information view here:

<https://trurodiocese.org.uk/2024/08/quick-wins-grants-available-to-churches/>

SPEAK UP

Greener Fairer Banking Guide for Churches

JustMoney Movement has released a new [Greener Fairer Banking guide for churches](#), to coincide with this year's Good Money Week (30 September - 6 October) which culminates in [Good Money Sunday](#) (6 October).

The updated guide compares four of the more ethical banks with current accounts suitable for churches and charities in the UK, including an analysis of the banks' climate policies.

The guide can be downloaded for free here: <https://justmoney.org.uk/resources/new-greener-fairer-banking-guide/>

Archbishop say God is green and pleads with leaders to: 'Act now before it is too late to save the world'

Defiant Welby says he won't be silenced: 'If it is interfering to seek to avert the climate change catastrophe, let us interfere'. Read full article here:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/climate-100/welby-climate-change-god-green-b2616718.html>

South West Peninsula Fairtrade Group

If you would like to join with others to promote Fairtrade a South West Peninsula Fairtrade Group has been set up. The purpose of the group is to share ideas, questions, information, events, news on Fairtrade topics including photos if desired. Contact Estelle Turner for more information: estelle.turner1@btinternet.com

Everyday Plastic reports the hard truth about soft plastic recycling schemes:

Last summer, [Everyday Plastic](#) volunteers placed tracking devices into 40 bundles of soft plastic packaging and dropped them at front-of-store collection points at Sainsbury's and Tesco supermarkets across England.

Everyday Plastic writes: 'In our new investigation, we've been working with the Environmental Investigation Agency UK to reveal the hard truth about soft plastic recycling points at supermarkets.

Of the tracked soft plastic packaging waste collected for recycling, 70% of the soft plastic that reached a final destination was burnt, not recycled.

The rest ended up at recycling facilities that downcycle soft plastic waste into lower value products - the majority of which were in Türkiye.

Environmental law charity ClientEarth warns that the results of the investigation show that supermarket soft plastic take-back schemes are misleading customers. Read the Summary Report [HERE](#)

The Climate Coalition's Common Grounds Day of Action on October 12 2024

On Saturday 12 October, thousands of people from across the UK will meet with their MP(s) as part of The Climate Coalition's Common Grounds Day of Action. Together, we'll show our elected officials that people from all walks of life want to see strong climate action for a fairer future.

Let's use this opportunity to advocate for an ambitious and fair climate plan that slashes emissions and benefits people.

Get involved and be part of a united movement for people, climate and nature. Read more from one of the groups involved, The Friends of the Earth, and what you can do [HERE](#)