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Your Planet Needs You



Over the coming months the Green Team will be posting a number of editions of the Green Team Eco Newsletter on the teams pages on the East & Old Church website at <http://www.thebigkirk.co.uk/>

These articles are aimed at helping to promote the use of Green Eco-Friendly measures that will help you save money as well as save &/or enhance your natural environment.

Today we explore the new Eco Award Scheme and discuss how the congregation has been taking steps to achieve the Silver Award.

We will also look at some of the events which may take place this year as part of the Eco movement.

The new Eco Award Scheme

The new look Eco Award Scheme, which is run via the Eco-Congregation Scotland, has three levels of award—Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Bronze Award is an entry-level award that recognises that the church in question is doing the basic job of evaluation and planning, initiating and coordinating and communicating its Eco activities. The church also needs to be involved with the Eco-congregation Scotland and discuss environmental issues. Through worship, study and prayer the church also has to provide a link between the Christian faith and the environment.

The church should also help its members to participate in environmental friendly practices and to reduce their carbon footprint. They should also help the church to reduce its carbon footprint and make its gardens and grounds more eco friendly. Members are also encouraged to participate in local and national environmental initiatives and inform all members of the impact of global and international climate change and damage to the environment.

The Silver Award covers the same criteria but has a more demanding standard, requiring active participation by church members, involvement in local network events and a contiguous mention of our environment and its creation in our church sermons.

The Gold Award recognises congregations which have developed a long-term commitment to promoting environmental issues as an integral part of their congregational life. The award recognises the quality and depth of the action being taken.

We are currently awaiting news concerning our application of a Silver Award

Thank You to all our helpers and team members for all your hard work this spring

Thank you to Drew for helping to dig over and prepare the Restenneth Eco Garden for summer. I am sure the summer visitors will appreciate your hard work.

The Graveyard

The graveyard of the East & Old Church is looking really good. The planters in front of the church, along the bottom walkway and at the bottom entrance to the graveyard are in full bloom showing an array of colour.

The borders within the churchyard are also showing our sustainable plants, including ivy, hebe, hosta, heather and much more, off very nicely. The rainbow colours provide a very nice view for our visitors as they walk through the churchyard.

Thank you to Angus Council as well for cutting the grass, pruning the trees and planting a new tree in the churchyard too.

Jobs to be done this year include:

- Putting up new bat boxes
- Putting up a new list of Memorial Rose recipients

Recycling

You can still recycle glasses and stamps via the East and Old Church.

Please note that the hours at the Forfar Recycling Centre have changed to summer hours. This means that Wednesday now opens from 4pm to 7pm. All items must be brought by car.

Batteries can also be recycled via many of the supermarkets as well.

Any News You Want Featured

Please send any requests for articles or any Eco news you wish to see featured in our future newsletters to the following email address:

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