



Creation Matters!

Creation Matters! is a network of individuals, representing churches across the Isle of Wight to encourage and inspire creation care.

Aspire - ARCH	Community housing, café and shop in Ryde High Street.
Carisbrooke Priory	Prayer ministry, Christian listening, creative groups, meeting and retreat rooms, homelessness partnership (with Salvation Army), Quiet Garden.
Christian Motorcyclists Association - CMA Vectis	Fellowship and outreach among the local motorcycling community.
Christians Against Poverty	Financial advice and support.
Creation Matters!	Creation care network, sharing and encouraging positive action.
Embracing Age	Christian ministry in care homes.
Flourish Youth Project	CofE funded and led, but working with IWScP and IWYfC.
Food Pantries and Free Food Stands	Various locations, increasingly coordinated to assist users.
Home for Good	Fostering and adoption.
Homelessness Shelter and Lifehouses	Primarily run by the Salvation Army.
Hospice Chaplaincy	Multi-faith pastoral support.
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Isle of Wight Foodbank	Addressing food poverty.
Isle of Wight School Pastors (IWScP)	Patrolling, support and mentoring in schools (currently four secondary).
Isle of Wight Street Pastors	Patrolling the evening economy (Newport and Ryde, plus special events), Safe Space at Newport Bus Station.
Isle of Wight Youth for Christ (IWYfC)	Youth activities, evangelism and ministry.

“All this beauty is of God”





We seek to understand the Christian response to climate change and improving biodiversity, offer information and advice and bring prayerful hope to this beautiful island, and beyond, through innovative community engagement.

<https://www.creationmatter.com>



Ruth Valerio's visit



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A DIRECTORY OF CREATION CARE INITIATIVES ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT (Please use only in accordance with GDPR)

Categories of Initiatives

Community Engagement; Consumables (including paper, cleaning materials);
Energy Conservation and Green Alternatives; Environmental Projects; Food and Drink
Use of Land (including habitats); Political Engagement; Recycling and Repurposing
Theological Understanding; Transport

COMMUNITY	CHURCH/MINISTRY	INITIATIVE	CONTACT/LINK email addresses for internal disclosure only
ALL ISLAND	Walking Church	Encouraging experience of God through attentive walking, nature, reflection and conversation: Theological Understanding	Walking Church Facebook group
ARRETON			
BEMBRIDGE	Holy Trinity Church	(info awaited from known champion)	
BINSTEAD	Binstead Methodist Church	Registered for Eco Church	
BRADING			
BRIGHSTONE	St. Mary's Church Brighstone Methodist Church	Churchyard: Community Engagement, Use of Land Registered for Eco Church	
CALBOURNE			
CARISBROOKE	Carisbrooke Priory	Quiet Garden, Habitat Conservation: Use of Land Green issues in Open Door Worship: Theological Understanding	
CHALE			
COLWELL			
COWES	Cowes Baptist Church	Eco Church: Silver Award	

St. Mary's, Brighstone





Carisbrooke Priory

St. Mildred's, Whippingham

Church receives eco award

St Mildred's Church, Whippingham, has been awarded an Eco Church Silver Award in a competition run by A Rocha UK, a charitable Christian organisation.

Ruth Smith, the church's eco co-ordinator, explained: "A Rocha UK works to protect and restore the natural world, and is committed to mobilising churches in the UK to care for the environment.

"We are registered with many groups such as Wild Life Trust, Caring for God's Acre, Tear Fund, Help Bee Keepers Nurture Trees and Churchyard Gardens. We now have two active bee hives which will

produce our own honey. Tony, our main gardener, has also worked wonders, and visitors will find vegetables growing in the flower borders.

"There are wildlife areas, newly constructed to encourage wildlife, and a local craftsman has made us many bird, insect and squirrel boxes placed in our Peace Garden.

"Being an Eco Church is a continuous journey, and we will endeavour to keep our church inspired throughout the years. We all have a commitment to a greener, healthier, lifestyle and for our children and our beautiful planet."



St Mildred's Church parishioners with the award, from left: Elizabeth Wilson, Ruth Smith and Peter Robinson

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