

Lincolnshire Methodist District

Environmental Newsletter

September 2026



District Celebration - 27th Sept



Lincolnshire District was awarded a bronze Eco-District award back in the Spring of 2026. A District Service on 27th September, 3pm at Brigg will be a celebration of this and all things "eco".

We would love people to attend in person but the more "eco" way to join may be to use the **Zoom link which is:**
978 8891 8428

In July Rev John Boardman, District Eco-Champion, visited New Holland Primary School. John writes:

"This morning I went to New Holland Anglican Methodist Primary school. The occasion was the grand opening of their new school garden. The Mayor of North Lincs, Paul Morgan (District Schools Visitor), councillors, contractors, the Bishop of Grimsby, teachers and children were there.

The garden is beautiful.

The Head read a Bible passage and a poem. The Bishop gave a blessing. Then we wandered freely looking at the bug hotels and plants and chatted to the children"

"Action for Hope" Eco Grants for Churches and Circuits

The first Action for Hope grant of £3,000 has been awarded to Louth Methodist Church. This will go towards replacing all the lighting with LEDs in order to improve energy efficiency.

A grant application from Burton Road Methodist Church will be considered in the coming weeks but apart from that there has been no claim on the fund!

In the meantime Connexion has topped the fund up with a further £15,182 for us to grant. Please submit your applications!

If you need help in writing your mission plan that incorporates eco-principles then please contact new Mission Enabler, Melanie Carroll, at MissionNPNP@lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk

Eco Church Awards Update

At the time of writing 35% of all District churches have registered with Eco Church or gained an award:

19 are registered only
13 have gained a bronze award
4 have gained a silver award

The Grimsby and Cleethorpes Circuit is the first to gain an Eco-Circuit Bronze Award.

Well done everyone and keep going!



How to save energy and money for churches

As far as we are aware only two churches in the Lincolnshire District have solar panels: Horncastle and Burton Road in Lincoln.

Burton Road installed their panels as part of a major refurbishment finishing in the first quarter of 2024.

For the period Jan to July 2026 savings so far were £892.07. Estimated payback since installation is already £4,500.

For a more detailed breakdown of the stats please have a look at <https://www.lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk/inspiring-stories/powered-by-sunshine.html>

Garden presents outreach opportunity in Brigg

The Church at the Margins element of Sustain Plus (New Places for New People project in Brigg) has begun to flourish. Under Bev Barker-Lawrence's leadership, a Tuesday evening group has formed, and after spending the first eight weeks exploring the Sermon on the Mount and what it means to be Christian, they have now moved to exploring other Bible passages.

The group is a diverse mix: some are exploring faith for the very first time, while others have a long-held faith but find themselves on the margins of both society and traditional church. Some can't read, and others have mental health issues, but all enjoy the fellowship and all want to get to know Jesus better than they already do.

Interestingly, a shared passion has emerged. Every single member has shown a deep interest in the eco-community garden project at Brigg Methodist Chapel, regularly meeting there on weekends for fellowship, prayer, and extra study sessions.

Looking ahead, the dream is to launch much-anticipated worship sessions right there in the garden, particularly during the summer months.



Here are some top tips on getting your church started on their Eco Journey from Grimsby and Cleethorpes' Eco Champion, Jeff Fieldsend:

Primarily form a Church-Eco Team or group

1. Carry out an Energy Audit which measures your Carbon Footprint through the 360 degree Climate Stewards Website. This is a useful starting point and measures energy usage and expenditure, footfall, transport and recycling. Editors Note: A new measuring tool bespoke to the Methodist Church is due out early in the New Year.
2. For those churches that have no green spaces or garden area, consider erecting bird and bat boxes.
3. Reduce the amount of packaging waste particularly when organizing a meal or coffee morning and cut out the use of single use plastic completely.
4. Reuse broken or damaged equipment and seek out one of the repair café's that have come into existence.
5. Recycle not only paper, glass and plastic but also food waste.
6. Look at carrying out local litter picks around the church area (it can be very rewarding especially the comments you often receive).
7. Not only is it incumbent on us as Christians to support our eco- activities at church but also to carry on with them at home.
8. Explore the vast amount of information that's available through the Rocha Eco-Church website.
9. Reach out to your congregation for further thoughts on how we tackle the big issues affecting the state of our earth through worship, or house groups.
10. Contact your circuit Eco-Champion for further ideas

Christian Environmental Mobilisers Course

This six-session course, starting in Autumn 2026, by A Rocha will equip you with biblical foundations, as well as leadership, influencing and action planning skills, to inspire others and mobilise meaningful environmental action in your church, workplace, university or community.

For details see <https://arocha.org.uk/christian-environmental-mobilisers/>