

## Diocesan Area Environment Champions Role Description

### Background

Care for creation is an integral part of the church's mission and ministry and is incorporated into the Diocesan Strategy. The Diocese employs a part time Environment Officer as part of the Mission and Ministry Team, under the leadership of the Director of Mission and Ministry, Andrew Norman. The Church of England has called on all Diocese and Cathedrals to support its aim to become carbon neutral by 2030.

In each Episcopal Area there will be an Area Environment Champion to ensure local initiatives are encouraged, share good practice and participate in the Episcopal Area forums. Their work with parishes will be resourced and supported by the Environment Officer.

### Role description

Key relationships:

Diocesan Environment Officer

Parish Environment Officers (PEOs), Parish clergy and other contacts in the Episcopal Area  
Area Deans, Archdeacon and Bishop

Principle Tasks:

To support clergy, PEO's and congregations to share the good news of Jesus' renewal of all creation (in line with the fifth Mark of Mission)

To provide advice and resources on practical strategies for carbon emissions reductions for church property

To equip the local church to be a catalyst for, or taking the lead in, local community environmental stewardship through ecumenical, interfaith and community partnerships.

To seek out and support local Parish Environment Officers to work closely with parishes in every Deanery.

To work with the Diocesan Environment Officer and the team of Area Environment Champions

To be an active member of the Diocesan Environment Group

Please note that this role is flexible and can draw on the strengths, skills and interests of the volunteer, being complemented by the rest of the Area Environment Champion team.

Guide time commitment:

2 to 5 hours a week

Flexibility will be required in developing and delivering the role to allow for contact with parishes and attending meetings or services

Costs

The role is voluntary and as such will be unpaid. However, all expenses incurred when fulfilling the role can be claimed eg travel and resources.

Personnel Specification

(E – Essential criteria, D = Desirable Criteria)

	Sections	
1	<b>Skills, knowledge and aptitudes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness and knowledge of the issues around climate change</li> <li>• Able to influence, lead and achieve support for agreed strategies</li> <li>• Excellent written and verbal communication skills.</li> <li>• Knowledge of the structures of the Church of England at local and diocesan levels</li> <li>• Detailed knowledge of some areas of good environmental practice.</li> <li>• To have had experience in relating to parish clergy and laypeople</li> </ul>
2	<b>Qualifications, Training and Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear enhanced DBS check</li> <li>• Experience in one or more areas of environmental matters</li> <li>• Keeping up to date with best practice in the areas of creation care theology and environmental practice</li> </ul>
3	<b>Personal Attributes</b>	<p>The team member should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be a person of integrity;</li> <li>• have an understanding of confidentiality issues and the use of discretion;</li> <li>• be sympathetic to the needs of others;</li> <li>• have an openness to learning and change;</li> <li>• have good interpersonal skills;</li> <li>• have good organisational skills.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Disposition and Attitude</b>	<p>The team member should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• commitment to and enthusiasm for preaching the gospel, caring for creation and tackling injustice</li> <li>• vision for transitioning to a zero carbon church</li> </ul>
5	<b>Special Requirements</b>	<p>The team member should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be able to travel to any part of the Episcopal Area</li> <li>• Have the flexibility to accommodate attendance at evening or weekend events/services</li> </ul>

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