



# Scraptoft Eco Group Newsletter 1



Scraptoft Eco Group has now celebrated its first birthday and with this in mind it seems a good moment for us to reflect on our achievements. Attached to this newsletter you will find a poster displaying what we've been up to across the last 12 months, and I hope remembering some of them brings a smile to your face as it does mine.

Alongside reflecting on our achievements, it seems appropriate to remind ourselves of the mission statement we came up with in our first meetings:

Scraptoft Eco Group is a community of people who cannot remain silent in the face of the climate disaster we are already in. We aim to raise awareness of the challenges our world is experiencing, of the roles we have as caretaker's of God's earth, and of the many ways we can alter how we live and engage with our planet. With decisive community action we can help protect our planet and leave a better world in which future generations of people and wildlife can thrive.

Setting up a new group and trying to encourage enough people to come along has been a challenge. I am so grateful to those of you who regularly come to meetings, bringing ideas and enthusiasm to help us move forward together, and I hope that re-reading our mission statement re-enthuses us for the year ahead!. What we're doing is SO important. The more we bring awareness of our need to work for and with nature into all aspects of our lives, sharing this with members of our families, friends and communities and keeping this dialogue open, the more change will occur.

So.....what's next?

Please see the attached 'Dates for your Diary' and I hope to see you all at our next meeting, Sunday 24th Sep, where we will discuss plans for the remainder of the year.

From your fellow Eco Warrior,

Melissa

## **Dates for your diary:**

- Sunday 24th September- Eco Group Meeting, Sunday 6pm

-We will be discussing plans for the next 3 months and any additional ideas anyone may have.

-Please bring any seeds you already have (and wish to donate) so that we can start putting them in envelopes ready for the Big Garden Swap (see below).

-Discuss and plan our Christmas event.

- Saturday 30th September

**Community Litter Pick**- following on from the success of our last Litter Pick in April, we have been asked to join forces with the Leicestershire Litter Wombles and take part in another community litter pick.

It was great to have so many participants last time, and I hope we can have a good turn out again!

Meet 9am, Scraftoft Community Hub. Pickers and bags provided.

### **The Big Garden Swap**

After the litter pick we will meet back at church as before, and join in with the harvest celebrations. As part of the Harvest Festival at church, we have decided to host The Big Garden Swap!

Everyone is invited to bring any leftover seeds, or seeds you can gather from plants in your garden, surplus veg from the allotment, or plants they've divided up and no longer need, and swap them with someone else's!

We have bought lots of little seed envelopes for dividing up packets/ collecting seeds from your plants. Please ask Fr Martin or Petra if you'd like any of these before our meeting on 24th Sep. Don't forget to bring your MorsBags to take your swaps away in!

- October 29th- Eco Group Meeting, 6pm
- November 19th- 'Have a Holly Jolly Eco Christmas' craft evening, 6pm
- December 1st & 2nd- All Saints Christmas Market



22nd May 2022-  
Our first meeting!



Attained Bronze Eco Church Status



9 Meetings

Held a Fairtrade Fortnight Event

Our First  
Year



Plastic bag free Christmas Market

Applied to be a Fairtrade Church



Created 132 Morsbags

The Scraftoft Spring Clean-  
25 bags of rubbish collected

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER

COLLECT SEEDS OR SORT THROUGH  
SEEDS YOU HAVE AT HOME.

POP THEM INTO PACKETS READY TO  
BRING TO

'THE BIG GARDEN SWAP'

PART OF OUR HARVEST WEEKEND  
CELEBRATIONS



SATURDAY 30TH SEP  
10-12.30PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH,  
SCRAFTOFT

# The Big Scraftoft Litter Pick

## 30th September

Meet at the  
Scraftoft Community Hub, 9am

Come and join members of Scraftoft Eco Group  
and the South Leicestershire Litter Wombles as we  
undertake another litter pick around our  
community.



Then feel free to head back to All Saints Church to  
join the Harvest celebrations and take part in  
**The Big Garden Swap**- swapping seeds, plants, and  
excess vegetables from your gardens!



Pickers and bags provided