

## The Eco and Churchyard group membership

### Group's purpose

St Mary de Haura Eco and Churchyard group are working to achieve the aims developed by the Christian charity 'A Rocha.' The members of the group are, listed below. They are committed to helping the PCC, congregation, and their community to care for God's environment in all areas of church life, including worship and teaching, buildings and energy, land and nature, community and global engagement and lifestyle.

### Group Members



**Anthony Rathbone** 'I moved to Shoreham 6 years ago and got involved with the recycling scheme at St Mary's. From this grew my interest in the whole Eco Church movement. My motivation is trying to encourage everyone, myself included, to tread lightly on our Earth.'



**Sarah Dugnolle** "Occasional choir member, love getting around on two wheels, terrible gardener. I'm a retrofit Architect, converting existing houses into low energy homes, so I have often wondered how the church could be more energy efficient. Delighted to be helping our church towards a Net Zero future."



**Yvonne Taylor** "Ecochurch provides a platform for ongoing care of our church, its community and churchyard. This is important to me as a retired allied health professional, particularly in how we conduct our daily lives, in an environmental and sustainable way.

A recent visit to the Pacific Northwest USA has shown me how interconnected we are to the wildlife and the environment. Quote from Chief Seattle: "We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children".



**Keith Bennet** "My voluntary work continues to be researching and recording graves, cremation sites, memorials, and responding to requests from relatives and friends of those who are buried or interred in St. Mary's de Haura."



**William Payne** “I have few (if any) eco-credentials, but I do have a concern that without thought and deed carefully considered we will only increase and complicate the problems we have which are despoiling our natural world. So, all I have to offer is a personal interest and willingness to help. And while some of the problems are for governments, business, and large organisations to address, unless we 'think global and act local', we abdicate our own responsibility.”



**Sarah Harrison** “In 2021 I volunteered to help with hospitality on the coffee rota at St Mary de Haura. We use fair trade and environmentally friendly products to keep with the church’s Christian values. I initially joined the Eco group to discuss paper and reusable cups! I also work in the health care sector and recognise health and climate issues as intrinsically linked. I aim to promote the health and wellbeing benefits of green spaces, air quality, and the special place that is St Mary de Haura, through the eco church work.”



**Jayne Crompton.** “I have helped maintain a grave in the churchyard for several years and enjoy gardening as a hobby. I have learned a great deal and embrace new sustainable recommendations raised through the group. As a Christian I strongly believe that we all have a responsibility to care for God’s creation nationally and locally and so I have learned to carefully monitor how I live and work, and how and where I shop and what I eat.

Being part of an ecofriendly church and helping to care for the environment which so many people enjoy is a small contribution. My hope is that everyone will try just a little bit harder to be eco-friendly as I know this would make a significant difference.”

***Please do say hello if you see us at St Mary de Haura.***