

DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE INFLUENCE OVER ANY LAND?

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Influencing surrounding land

Please consider answering yes to this question, even if the only 'land' the church has influence over is a small garden, a car park, a paved area or shared space with a school or community.

There is a lot you can do, even in small or paved spaces, to encourage wildlife. Pots, hanging baskets and window boxes not only look cheerful and welcoming, they can also contain flowers offering pollen, seed-bearing plants and small fruit-bearing plants (e.g. strawberries or tomatoes). Any outside space like this, however small, will become a habitat for wildlife.

Maybe you can find a corner for a small composting area in which to put the dead flowers from inside the church, tea bags, coffee grounds and organic waste from the kitchen, if your church has one. Its contents can be used to refresh your pots, window boxes and hanging baskets each year.

CASE STUDIES

The Holy Cross Church in Palermo, Sicily, www.chiesaanglicanapalermo.it has a 'pocket-sized flower bed of just two square metres' but has planted it carefully to create a 'city forest'. This is now a haven for wildlife as well as a place for prayer. The neighbours have been inspired to follow suit, and the 'forest' is spreading:

<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1676-city-forest-project-in-palermo>

