



ST. COLUMBA'S



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AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT



Target 25

Target 25 is an A Rocha UK project to protect vulnerable species across the UK.

Butterflies

One of the target groups is butterflies. Over the past 40 years there has been a 76% decline in UK butterflies and many common species are now struggling for survival.

How we can help

Avoid pesticides and insecticides

Let your garden grow a little bit wild and plant some wildflowers

Butterflies overwinter as eggs so don't cut your garden back too much in the autumn and don't rake up the leaves

Weeds are just plants in the wrong place - don't rush to pull them up, butterflies and bees love them

Find out more

[butterfly-conservation.org/
butterflies](https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies)

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

18th July -
10th August
2025



How to take part - go out sometime between 18th July and 10th August and count how many butterflies you see. You can download a chart to help identify them:

Butterfly ID sheet

And then submit your sightings at:

bigbutterflycount.org

Or download the free app 'Big Butterfly Count' onto your phone.

What a fun activity for kids and grandkids! Can anyone spot a 'Jersey Tiger'? Let me know if you see one.



Jersey
Tiger

The Jersey Butterfly Monitoring Scheme is seeking more volunteers - what a great way to get outside, enjoy some fresh air and help the environment! wildaboutjersey@gov.je

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FRIENDLY

TIPS

Special Offer!

Reduce your food waste by composting. Gov.je has a special offer on composters (who knew?)

You can order a composter from Great Green Systems UK price £124.99 Jersey price £43.99!

For more information:-

gov.je/Environment/Ecoactive/Campaigns/pages/wasteaudit.aspx

and:

greatgreensystems.com/

Weedkiller Recipe

Sometimes you really do have to get rid of a troublesome weed. You can tackle persistent weeds without harming wildlife.

1 litre white vinegar

3 lrg tablespoon salt

3 teaspoons of eco washing up liquid

Dissolve the salt in the vinegar and then add the washing up liquid and put in a spray bottle.



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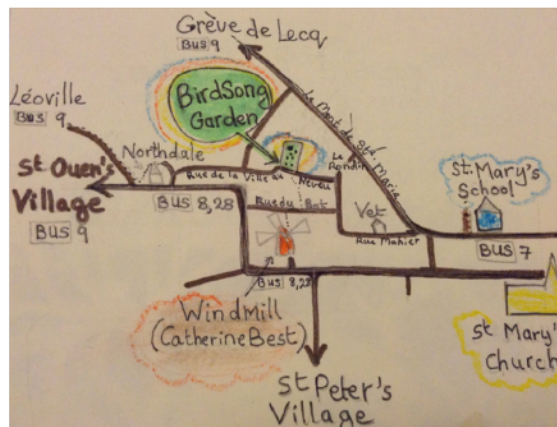
Eco Church - Bronze Award

We're working towards a bronze eco award. A huge thank you to Tony & Veronica Bryant who have done a lot of work on the church's front garden, they've planted various plants and seeds which should encourage butterflies and pollinators. We're trying to create a wildlife friendly area in the side garden; we've placed a couple of logs near the wall to create a home for all the creepy crawlies, we've installed a bug hotel and a bird box. We've also planted a range of British wild flowers amongst the shrubs used for flower arrangements.



You can follow them on Facebook: facebook.com/BirdSongGardenJersey

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Birdsong Garden

For those of you who don't have a garden why not pop along to Birdsong Garden? Birdsong is a local charity which provides an open space for the community to reconnect with nature through gardening, farming and cultural activities. It's open to everyone and it's free!



SCOOP Visit

Read about our visit to SCOOP - the sustainable co-operative in St. Lawrence on the church website.

Scoop Visit

