

[Churches Count on Nature – 6th to 14th June, 2026 \(and ‘Bats’ in Great Big Green Week\)](#)

This year, Tring Team Parish Eco Group will have our usual ‘Count on Nature’ Citizen Science Project during Great Big Green Week. We will be asking the public to record diversity of plants and wildlife in churchyards and burial grounds. Often, these green spaces have remained relatively undisturbed for hundreds of years and provide experience of a wide range of species in the heart of the community.

Materials will be on display in all 5 Church of England churches in our Team* throughout the week. Visitors record what they see on prepared sheets which they leave in a designated box in each church. We collate results and share them with ‘Caring for God’s Acre’ who record them onto a national database held by the National Biodiversity Network Trust (NBNT). Some people have also used the iNaturalist app to share wildlife photographs or recordings made at the time directly with iNaturalistUK (linked to NBNT). There is help, through the app, with identification and verification of species seen.

As you prepare for Summer activities with your students this year, we thought you might like to know about this, and take part in some way. We would be really interested to know what you decide to do.

A range of ‘Churches Count on Nature’ resources are available from www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

You may be interested to know that we are also planning to host a talk and craft session about Bats on Friday 12th June, at 6.00pm, in St John the Baptist Church, Aldbury. In addition, people will be invited to return, later in the evening, to watch bats emerge at twilight. I will send you more details of this nearer the time.

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