**Lowestoft Town Council: Climate Emergency & Ecological Committee** –

Information re Eco Church Cllr Sonia Barker

* **Key Points**:-
* **Participants**:

**A Rocha - Website**: <https://arocha.org.uk>

**Christian Aid**: <https://www.christianaud.org.uk>

**The Church of England**: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

**The Methodist Church**: <https://www.methodist.org.uk>

**Tearfund**: <https://www.tearfund.org>

**The United Reformed Church**: <https://urc.org.uk>

**All Churches Trust Limited**: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk>

Eco Church is an A Rocha UK project, run in partnership with Christian Aid, The Church of England, The Methodist Church, Tearfund, The United reformed Church and All Churches Trust Ltd.

* **What does the scheme cover**:-

Eco Church is a scheme run by Rocha UK equipping churches to care for God’s creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and individual lifestyles.

* **What is the criteria**:-

There are five areas that a church must demonstrate environmental engagement with, to receive an award:-

* Worship & teaching
* Management of church buildings
* Management of church land
* Community and Global engagement
* Lifestyle
* **How are the aims of the scheme rewarded:-**

By completing an online survey, churches can be considered for an Eco Church Award at either Bronze, Silver or Gold level. There are currently 354 Bronze, 145 Silver, and nine Gold Church of England Eco Churches.

In Lowestoft:- Cllr Barker has had recent engagement with an Elmtree resident who is involved with their church community via the Eco Church concept. He would welcome liaison with Lowestoft Town Council to move forward in the community with regard to the aims of the Climate Emergency and Ecological Committee. Do we as a Committee wish to take this forward?

SVB 17.7.21.