

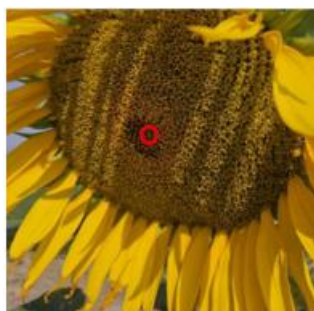
Green Team News

Issue 16: Autumn 2026

Welcome to EHC's Green Team News, now issued quarterly. Contributions are welcome from any member of the community – if you have visited an interesting environmental project, discovered a relevant book, radio programme/podcast or TV show or if you have ideas from your garden that you would like to share. Please contact The Green Team through notifications.ehc4@gmail.com. **The deadline for the next edition is 22 December.** The most recent newsletter will be uploaded to the [Green Team page of the EHC website](#) shortly after publication.

Find the Colorado Bee (With Howie's Help)

Photo from Rachel Salzano visiting home in Colorado USA.



7 Species in the EHC Garden

The Seven Species Market on 30th August brought to the fore the quote from Deuteronomy 8: 7-10

'For the Lord, your G-d, is bringing you to a good land, a land with streams and springs and fountains issuing from plain and land; a land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey (date syrup), a land where you may eat food without stint, where you will lack nothing...'

After wandering in the desert for nigh on 40 years this vision of the promised land would have spurred the Israelites on. These plants would provide all the necessary nutrients for sustenance. Some commentaries add that the Land of Israel is the only place where all these very diverse species grow naturally in close proximity.

Having learnt what the seven species are, we added wheat and barley sown in pots to olive trees and a fig tree already in situ so we now have over half of the seven species.

At the Market our Green Team Stall sold EHC organic potatoes, onions, vine-ripened tomatoes and lavender sachets filled with organic lavender from the garden.

Two tours of the Biblical Garden were taken. One was offered to all the guests at the Market and about 25 attended. The second tour was run for the participants in the Tea Making Session.



<https://www.ehcong.com/jewish-edinburgh/green-team/>

Garden Team Equipment Wanted (or equivalent donation)

Members and Friends!

EHC's garden project is progressing well and with your help the garden will continue to grow.

Do you have any of the items listed below languishing in a shed in need of a good home? If so, please recycle it in the EHC garden! Happy to collect. Email Lesley on the notifications.ehc4@gmail.com address.

If not, any small donation will go towards purchasing the items needed. Donate to the EHC account number 00163139, sort code 80-11-05, Reference "Garden".

I am pleased to report that we have already been given 6 mugs, 4 folding chairs and an edging tool plus donations for an information board, paint, varnish and brushes for the garden benches. Many thanks to everyone who has donated so far.

On behalf of your EHC Green Team

Lesley

Item with description	Price	
Grass seed x 2 boxes <i>After the dead weeds in the orchard are raked away the plan is to seed the pathways along the fruit trees with grass in order to manage the weeds and make the orchard attractive to walk around</i>	£14	
Cable free lawn mower <i>Battery-operated lawn mower safer and easy to use</i>	£145	
Soil <i>Annual top up for all beds - raised and flower</i>	£74	
Sundries eg supports, seeds, contingencies etc <i>Ongoing garden equipment as the need arises</i>	£150	
6 gardening gloves <i>For volunteer gardeners</i>	£11	

Future Green Team Projects

We are continuing the research into alternative energy sources such as solar panels, conserving energy within the building and focussing on the three r's of sustainability - reduce, reuse and recycle.

Kitchen users' meeting

Lesley writes: On 11th October representing the Green Team, I have been invited to join the Kitchen Users' Meeting.

I propose to promote and remind everyone of the three r's - reuse, reduce and recycle and to point in the direction of the soft recycling bag. I will request that all items for recycling be rinsed out first.

I will also mention what we are growing in the garden and ask how we can distribute produce as they are ready to be used. Also, a clarification about taking uncooked food to the compost bins and the difference between industrial compost and our own home compost bins.



In The News - True Recycling

From Whey to Fuel

Researchers at Heriot-Watt University together 'Take Root Bio' have successfully turned salty whey, a byproduct of cheese making, into a fuel called bioethanol.

The salty whey is produced in huge volumes and is costly to dispose of. 95,000 tonnes of it is produced each year from cheddar and other similar cheese production.



From Plastic Rubbish to Art



Can you spot the comb, felt tip, Knex piece, lipstick case, plug socket? What else can you find in the collage below? All the pieces have been abandoned on the beach or landed with the tide.

These bits of plastic were collected on North Berwick beach and used by a local artist to make a large collage of the beach. Only a small piece is shown here.

From Abandoned Festival Tents – Clothes and Clobber

From 250,000 abandoned tents Mancunian Jess O'Riley transforms the material into jackets, trousers and bags. True recycling.... Metro News (3rd August)

www.jostudio.co.uk

Turning Plastic Waste into Happiness

One plastic bottle makes 80-100 doses to treat Parkinsons!

[This programme](#) combines science with humour. At last a positive use for plastic!

Grand Scale Recycling at the Commonwealth Games



Unlike with many major sporting events, Glasgow didn't start with a question of what needs to be built. Instead, organisers looked at the world class venues the city already has and asked how they can be used again.

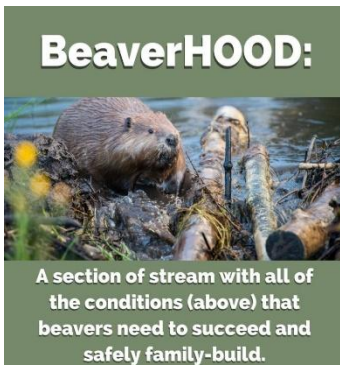
Beyond the venues themselves, circular economy principles were embedded throughout the event in decisions most spectators wouldn't even notice – from reusable commentary boxes and spectator stands, to compostable cutlery made from plant and seaweed-based materials. 74 batons travelling across the Commonwealth for the King's Baton Relay were handcrafted from ash trees already fallen in Glasgow's Pollok Park. They were also working with business, industry, and government to develop Roadmaps for the sectors where circular thinking can make the biggest difference. Each looks at where there are opportunities to create more value from the resources already existing and how Scotland's circular ambitions can be turned into real action.

Read the full [Scotsman article](#) here.

News from Eco Judaism SAP Groups

Angela Lipman from Hendon Reform Shul introduced us to woollen plant pots. The whole pot can be planted into the earth and will biodegrade naturally. Also slugs and snails don't like crawling over wool!

Beavers in Ealing....



Beavers stop flooding in Paradise Park....

[The Ealing Beaver Project – Bringing Beavers Back to London](#)



Staff Changes at Eco Judaism

As Naomi Verber makes Aliyah, she is stepping into a new role leading Eco Judaism's advocacy and thought leadership - continuing to represent the Jewish climate voice on national and international stages like COP. Eco Judaism are now thrilled to announce Emma Weleminsky as their new UK Executive Director - please see recent [press coverage](#). Please join us in giving Emma a warm welcome and a big mazel tov on her new role!

Eco Judaism One Green Step

Elul



eco judaism
One Green Step
Steps into its 3rd year!

Over the past 2 years, every Rosh Chodesh we've encouraged you to:

- Say farewell to Fairy Liquid - harmful to aquatic life
- Buy milk in returnable glass bottles from a milkman - reduce plastic waste
- Love pre-loved clothes - instead of wasteful fast fashion
- Bee kind - choose pollinator-friendly plants to nurture and enhance our bee population

Among many, many more green steps!

Follow us on this incredible journey to increased sustainability. Thank you for your ongoing support

For more information about EcoJudaism's Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) contact Donna
donna@ecojudaism.org.uk

Tishrei



eco judaism
One Green Step
Tishrei
LIFE IS A JOURNEY - TRAVEL IT WELL

Car travel is toxic
In the UK cars and vans are the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, causing air pollution and contributing to climate change
Even electric vehicles create a carbon footprint particularly from battery production

There is a better way for our health and for the planet:

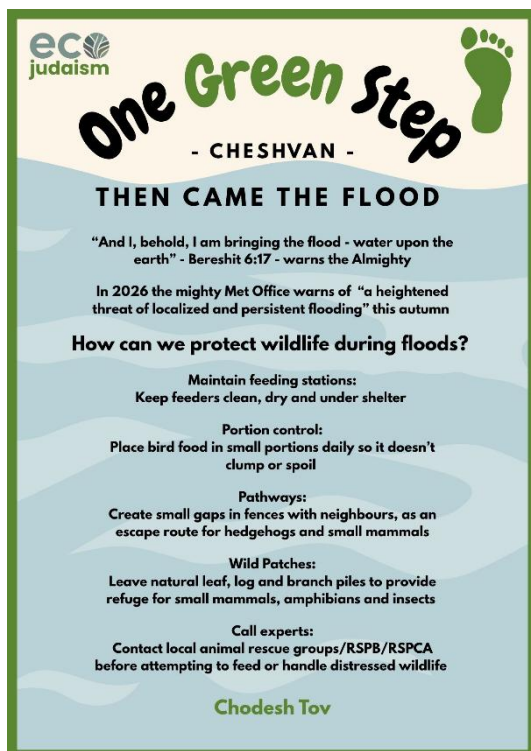
- Where possible, use public transport
- Take a hike - enjoy the walk instead of being sat in a car
- 17% of car trips in the UK are under a mile
- Choose 2 wheels instead of 4 and cycle
- Car share - when attending an event, share your journey with colleagues or friends

If you must use the car,
Turn off your engine when stationary, if it is safe to do so
Open the windows instead of using the air conditioning

Wishing everyone a cleaner and greener New Year

Chodesh Tov

Cheshvan



eco judaism
One Green Step
- CHESHVAN -
THEN CAME THE FLOOD

"And I, behold, I am bringing the flood - water upon the earth" - Bereshit 6:17 - warns the Almighty

In 2026 the mighty Met Office warns of "a heightened threat of localized and persistent flooding" this autumn

How can we protect wildlife during floods?

- Maintain feeding stations:**
Keep feeders clean, dry and under shelter
- Portion control:**
Place bird food in small portions daily so it doesn't clump or spoil
- Pathways:**
Create small gaps in fences with neighbours, as an escape route for hedgehogs and small mammals
- Wild Patches:**
Leave natural leaf, log and branch piles to provide refuge for small mammals, amphibians and insects
- Call experts:**
Contact local animal rescue groups/RSPB/RSPCA before attempting to feed or handle distressed wildlife

Chodesh Tov

Green Team Wordsearch – Autumn 2026

Can you find these 10 words in the Wordsearch Grid? All appear somewhere in this newsletter. Solution below.

ASH		B	J	D	B	E	E	Q	A	T	P
BARLEY		I	E	H	V	L	W	S	H	A	A
BEAVERS		W	J	A	R	A	H	L	R	R	B
BEE		H	D	V	V	V	P	K	F	E	A
LAVENDER		E	D	T	Y	E	I	H	B	W	R
MOWER		A	C	E	L	N	R	B	P	O	L
PARKINSONS		T	H	B	S	D	Z	S	E	M	E
PLASTIC		W	Q	O	A	A	J	K	Q	F	Y
WHEAT		P	N	C	W	R	Z	Y	M	P	O
WHEY		S	K	C	I	T	S	A	L	P	J

Wordsearch solution

J	d	l	A	S	T	I	C	K	S
O	d	M	Y	Z	R	W	C	N	d
Y	F	Q	K	J	A	A	O	Q	W
E	M	E	S	D	Z	S	B	H	T
L	O	p	B	R	N	L	E	C	A
R	B	W	H	I	E	Y	T	D	E
R	A	E	F	K	V	V	V	D	H
A	R	B	L	R	A	H	J	W	J
A	H	A	S	W	L	V	H	E	I
P	A	T	Q	E	E	B	D	J	B