



Lions Project ideas sheets suggest ways in which your club can make an impact in the five Global Service areas. If you have more ideas, email: [pr@lionsclubs.co](mailto:pr@lionsclubs.co)





# Project ideas Sheet #3

**Protect the environment**

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## Get Involved

Ideas to involve club members

**Find out more:** Visit websites and social media for organisations and groups such as: [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org), [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk), [www.woodlands.co.uk](http://www.woodlands.co.uk), [www.mcsuk.org](http://www.mcsuk.org), [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk), [www.growwilduk.com](http://www.growwilduk.com), [www.tcv.org.uk](http://www.tcv.org.uk), [www.buzzaboutbees.net](http://www.buzzaboutbees.net), [www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org), [www.countryfile.com](http://www.countryfile.com), to learn more about ways to preserve, protect and improve the environment.

**Share experiences:** Set aside time in a club meeting to talk about members' views and care for the environment they live in and report in club communications.

**Listen and learn:** Organise a guest talk by a local environmental group to share their knowledge on the various problems affecting the environment and ways in which it can be protected.

**Healthy environment:** Arrange a visit to a recycling centre to see how waste is recycled, made into compost or turned into electricity. Test your carbon footprint online, eg. buying habits, energy use, and waste – 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' [www.footprint.wwf.org.uk](http://www.footprint.wwf.org.uk)

**Fit and active:** Have fun by approaching local schools to help out with building garden allotments, greenhouse/polytunnel projects or wildlife hideaways, known as bug hotels for hedgehogs, frogs, toads, newts, bees, dragonflies and creepy crawlies.

**Fund and support:** Enter a category in the Lions Environmental Photograph Competition to showcase your work. Launch your own Environmental competition aimed at schools and youth groups. Fund gardening tools for a community garden space.



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Ideas to engage your local community

**Promote spectacle recycling:** Arrange collection of used spectacles from opticians, GP surgeries, chemists, businesses, recycling centres and Marie Curie shops. Send out Chichester Lions Club to help communities in Africa, India and Eastern Europe. There are many items which can be recycled eg. dental equipment for Dentaaid, household items and books donated to Lions shops and the Library in a Box project with the Minster Lions Club of York and much more.

**Support environmental campaigns:** Join in or organise local community clean-ups to clear paths, parks and beaches eg: the Great British Spring Clean. Get involved in clean-up activities for Earth Day (22 April 2019), World Environment Day (5 June 2019) or during the National Clean-Up Day (21 September 2019).

**Donate resources:** Provide local groups with a variety of fruit canes and vegetable seeds such as raspberries, beans and courgettes, as these are visited by pollinators. View the following: [www.incredibleedible.org.uk](http://www.incredibleedible.org.uk) and [www.buzzaboutbees.net](http://www.buzzaboutbees.net).

**Volunteer and adopt:** Consider adopting an area in your community to care for eg. adopt a local train station. To find out more contact ACoRP at [www.communityrail.org.uk](http://www.communityrail.org.uk).

**Get out and about:** Make your own mini wildflower meadow (with permission), choosing a mixture suitable for soil conditions to encourage wildlife eg. [www.growwilduk.com](http://www.growwilduk.com).

**Organise planting:** Contact your local authority or parks department to seek permission to plant trees and bushes in a specific area. Following agreement, research and apply to the Woodland Trust which has a variety to choose from [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees).

