

**REPORT FROM LIBERTON KIRK TO J & P MEETING 16.7.20
RE ECO-CONGREGATIONS**

Some years ago Liberton Kirk was intending to get involved and register with the Eco-Congregation set-up, but the person who was the driving force behind this moved to another congregation and we didn't take it any further. We have, however, borne in mind the need to care for the planet and here are some of the things which have happened:

1. LED lighting has been installed inside and outside the halls, particularly for security lighting, so reducing power consumption.
2. A lot of work has been done on the heating in the Kirk Centre as we have re-furbished and changed different areas. Double glazing of windows has improved heat retention, and there is good insulation in any new-build extensions. Energy efficient radiators with individual thermostats are gradually being installed, and heating controls are zoned so that we don't heat areas which are not being used.
3. We are a Fair Trade Church, using fair trade coffee, tea and sugar throughout. Fair trade goods are on sale in the café and the Café Manager runs a special promotion in Fair Trade Fortnight.
4. Recycling of waste, including composting in the garden, is encouraged.
5. Our gardens are cared for, and provide recreational space and opportunities for a community gardening group. Vegetables and fruit are grown in the back garden and used in the café.