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A Rocha Friends in Action – Dorset/West Hants

Dear all,

We hope that despite the rather unpredictable weather you have been able to find ways of enjoying and caring for God's wonderful creation this summer!

We thought we would just pass on a few items which might be of interest – some you may know about already – and which may further the cause of creation care in your church/community.

- **Creation Time 2009**

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland are encouraging churches to observe 'Creation Time' from 1 September–4 October, with Sunday 4 October designated as a climate prayer day. They have produced resources to help focus on the crucial issues that will be on the agenda of the Copenhagen climate summit in December. Although tailored to Creation Time, the resources are very flexible and could be used by churches, groups and individuals to focus on a creation theme at any time of the year. Downloadable free from www.ctbi.org.uk/creationtime

- **UN Climate Summit**

You don't need us to tell you how crucial it is that world leaders seal a strong and fair deal at the Copenhagen talks! But have you thought about using this as a focus for prayer/study/discussion on creation care & climate justice issues in your church? If the actual 'Creation Time' dates don't work for you, maybe you could use the materials later in the autumn. In Wimborne, for example, we are hoping to have a joint churches' event around the theme of 'What would Jesus say... at the Copenhagen summit?'

- **The Wave – London, Saturday 5 December**

A Rocha is joining with more than 100 organisations who form the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition to support *The Wave* – the UK's biggest-ever demonstration in support of action on climate change. This will be a first for us – we've never been on a march before but feel passionate enough about this to take to the streets! Put the date in your diary & join A Rocha Friends at a service at 11am at Westminster Central Hall, followed by a fun & peaceful march around the Thames. [Details...](#)

- **Hilfield visit 2010**

We're exploring the possibility of a joint weekend with the Keynsham A Rocha Friends' group at Hilfield Friary early next year. The idea would be to combine some input and reflection with some practical work to help the Hilfield Project, plus some social time to get to know each other. We'll contact you with dates as soon as these are confirmed.

- **A Rocha Friends in west Dorset** Also under discussion is a possible local 'cluster' of AR Friends in the west of the county. If you're in Dorchester or the Lyme/Bridport/Chideock/Axminster area & would be interested in getting together from time to time with like-minded AR supporters, please let us know and we'll make sure you get to hear about anything that's going on.

Finally, if you have any creation-care news about your own locality and/or personal involvement, or you know of events/activities which others might find of interest, please do let us know and we'll try and pass them on. Not exactly a 'newsletter' yet, but perhaps a step on the way...!

With all good wishes,

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Local group co-ordinators