



This month our focus is:
**Locally Grown,
Organic, and
Animal-Friendly**

What are the issues?

Food production has a significant impact on the environment.

Items grown or produced overseas and sold in the UK have to be shipped, flown, and driven around the world, contributing to emissions caused by transportation.

Some methods of food production can damage the local environment due to causes like harmful pesticides, deforestation, and poor soil management.

Similarly, some producers of animal products show disregard for the welfare of the live animals in their care, with issues such as crowding, use of growth promoters, and restricted access to natural environments and behaviours.

What can I do?

Consider prioritising buying food that is locally produced, organic, and/or animal-friendly.

Look for local farmers' markets, or ask your local butcher about the animal welfare standards of their meat production.

Check the food you buy for certifications like Red Tractor, the Soil Association, the Marine Stewardship Council, or the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil.

Support a campaign like Compassion in World Farming or Sustainweb, or write to your local representatives to express support for environmental regulations in food production.

Where can I learn more?

These posters will be available at standrewsn19.org/ecochurch

<https://www.msc.org>

<https://www.ciwf.org.uk>

<https://www.sustainweb.org>

<https://www.farmretail.co.uk>

<https://www.tabledebates.org>

<https://www.becreaturekind.org>

<https://www.sustainablefoodtrust.org>

<https://www.therealmealdeal.com>

<https://www.localfoodbritain.com>

<https://www.soilassociation.org>

