

# Carbon Cutting News Update

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## Forthcoming events

**Sat 1st October** - 40's Dance Evening. 7.30pm @ Silvester Horne Institute. Dancing to the Little Big Band. Bar and Food. Tickets 10/- (50p) + what ever you feel it is worth from John Thomas Florist and Burway Books.

**Wednesday 5th October.** Battlefields Energy Challenge Coffee Morning 11.00 for residents of Oaks Road and Drive to see Energy Challenge film and results of Red Box survey.

**Friday 7th October** Photo competition prize giving and our AGM. See further details + on website.

**Saturday 29th October 10.00am Enlightening Coffee Morning** Castle Vale, Ludlow Road, Little Stretton. Wide selection of "free" low energy light bulbs and energy saving advice.

**Tue 8th November.** "How not to live with Nuclear Power." Guest speaker, Claire Foster—Gilbert, leading U.K. expert on Ethics and the Environment. Tickets £4.00 (students free). Church Stretton Sec. School, 7.30pm. Joint meeting with "Engaging Issues"

## Editorial

Friday October 7th will be our 4th Annual General meeting. For the past four years our small team of volunteers have worked with untiring dedication to help our community make their homes more energy efficient, save money on their energy bills and of course reduce carbon emissions. In a small way we are playing our part in reducing global greenhouse gasses and giving future generations a better chance of living in a world that does not have runaway global warming. BUT this can be such hard work. The other day outside the Co-op we came across people who:-

- Didn't care what the future held for their children
- Were too busy to bother about it
- Didn't mind about escalating fuel bills
- Stated they lived in an energy efficient home so could do no more

We feel this is just plain selfishness but are greatly encouraged by the many households who have asked for a home energy audit—**there're still absolutely free.**

We have helped many folk reduce their energy bills, make their homes warmer and more energy efficient and for some provided advice about the income that can be generated from photovoltaic panels through the feed in tariff scheme. The Government have recently introduced the Renewable Heat Obligation scheme and next year the Renewable Heat Incentive could give you an income for generating your own heat from solar hot water, heat pumps and biomass heating. **The message that is hard to get across is that no matter how energy efficient our homes are, it is the people who live in them who use the energy. An empty home doesn't use any energy or produce any carbon!!**

But back to our volunteers. We really could do with a few more to help spread the load. Every home energy survey can take up to a couple of hours to do and at times the team are rushed off their very willing feet. Climate Change, Global Warming and Energy Saving are not always headline grabbing stories yet helping now to reduce carbon emissions so our children and grandchildren will have a better life in 30—50 years time must surely be well worth a bit of effort. The work can be very rewarding and we can offer full training. For further information give our Chairman Jon Cooke a call on 01694 723205. Better still come to our A.G.M. on Oct 7th, 8.00pm at the Silvester Horne Institute to learn more about our work over the past year and our plans for 2012.

## Did you know?

- It takes 70 litres of water to produce just one apple,
- 140 litres to produce one cup of coffee,
- 2700 litres to produce one cotton shirt
- and a staggering 15,500 litres to produce 1kg of beef.

## Battlefield Energy Challenge News

Earlier in the year with some grant support from Shropshire Council we challenged the three streets on the Battlefield Estate + Brook Meadow to see which could over the next two years make the greatest energy and carbon reduction savings. 37% on the homes have now had a free energy audit - there is still a way to go here, we would like to see it nearer 100% BUT great progress has already been made. More homes have increased their loft insulation and had cavity walls filled, new energy efficient condensing boilers fitted and by Christmas a number of homes will have had photovoltaic panels and or solar hot water installed. There are now more low energy light bulbs than before (we got some excellent quality ones for free thanks to the Shropshire Council Sustainability Team.) **However it's not just about having to spend money to save energy and reduce carbon emissions. Our trained home energy visitors have lots of advice on ways to reduce your energy bills without having to spend a penny.**

**Ways to reduce your heating and electricity costs, even advice on how to reduce the cost of your travel.**

**Wednesday 5th October 11.00am**

Battlefields Energy Challenge Coffee Morning at 6, Oaks Road, (home of Suzanne and Noel Beattie) for residents of Oaks Road and Drive to see our short Energy Challenge film and share the results of Red Box survey. We are looking for hosts in the other roads so all who wish to, can see the film and survey results. An evening time would be good for those who cannot make a daytime viewing.

## Lending Library

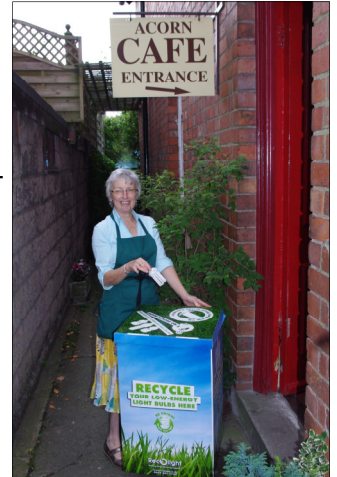
Our Chairman Jon Cooke has an extensive library of books on the subject of sustainability. Though some of them are sometimes referred to after reading most just collect dust. In the true spirit of recycling, he is offering them out on loan. Please contact Jon on 01694 723205 for a list of titles.



## Low Energy Light Bulb recycling

Low energy bulbs contain a small amount of mercury + glass and metal, all of which can be recycled. We have organised a dedicated recycling point at The Acorn Cafe, Sandford Avenue, only the second in Shropshire. Bring your old low energy bulbs here for safe recycling.

Many thanks to Chris Brand at the Acorn Café for giving the collection box a home. In order to provide this service, one of our volunteers had to register with the Environment Agency as a recognised carrier of hazardous waste!!!!



## Town Council News - they too are cutting carbon

Street lighting emissions are down as a result of the switching off of selected street lights between midnight and 5.00am. The new heating at Silvester Horne Institute is super efficient, with individual radiator thermostats and a zoned system so only the rooms in use are heated.

## Membership renewal time.

Please consider renewing your membership. Still only £5.00 for an individual and £7.50 for a family.

A renewal form is attached for your convenience.

## 40's dance

**Still some tickets available from John Thomas (florist) and Burway Books. It promises to be a super evening. The food will be 40's style as well but plenty of it. Ration books will be provided!! Fancy coming in 40's costume—tin hats / gas masks!! Fun but not essential.**



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