

Energy Saving News

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SHOP AROUND

Fed up with paying too much?

Baffled by your bills?

400 different tariff....

Complicated bills....

No wonder that people don't always get the best deal for their gas and electricity.

Price comparison websites offer the chance to see what the various energy companies charge. For example:

You can make considerable savings by shopping around.

www.switchwise.com

www.green.energyhelpline.com/strettonclimatecare

If you are on a fixed-term deal you can switch without having to pay an exit fee provided you notify your supplier on or before the date any increase or change is due to come into effect.

With average dual fuel bills at around £1,000 per household it really is worth the effort to **SHOP AROUND.**

Co-op Energy might be worth looking at. They offer just one tariff, have simple to understand bills and offer membership points.

Before you switch, do look at standing charges. What looks like a great deal may not be so good, especially if you are a low energy user.

Photo Competition results.

The winners were, Laura Hayes and Dominic Gallagher in the under 16s category, Danny Beath and Val Morris in the over 16s, and Howard Jones, who won the public vote. Full details and the winning pictures can be found on our website.

Fact.

It is estimated there are now 6 million folk in fuel poverty in the U.K. 33,000 of them live in Shropshire.

Thinking of installing P.V.?

DO IT NOW.

The amount paid by the energy companies will be reviewed for April 2012. For systems installed and commissioned before 31st March you get 43.3p for each kWh generated and 3.1p/pkWh for export. This price is guaranteed for 25 years and is index-linked. Talk to us for further unbiased information.

Bulk oil buying scheme from Community Council of Shropshire .

The Community Council is looking for local communities to join its new bulk-buying scheme for domestic heating oil. The scheme is aimed at bringing communities together to make the most of joint buying power, so that greater savings can be made and passed on to customers. We have further information, or see their own website.

Who are we?

Elitist? Do-gooders?

What do you think?

We are a team of volunteers. We do what we do because it matters.

Our world is precious, but we are squandering its wealth.

The scientific evidence is overwhelming: mankind is slowly destroying its own home.

It may not seem that it is getting any warmer here in Shropshire, but **overall, global temperatures and sea levels are rising.**

Remember too that it is the poorest who suffer the most from climate change.

We won't solve increasing carbon emissions on our own, but in every country there are groups like ours making a difference.

This is not an abstract, academic argument; this is about how we value and care for our earth.

What inheritance shall we pass on to our children and grandchildren?



News from the Churches

The **Vatican** has added its voice to a rising chorus of warnings from churches around the world that climate change and abuse of the environment is against God's will, and that the one billion-strong Catholic church must become far greener.

Islam teaches Muslims to respect Allah's creation and maintain the balance He created. Allah commands people, 'Do not cause corruption on the earth' (2:11). Everyone in the world needs to help. Muslims make up at least one fifth of the world's population.

While most Muslim countries are poor and use far less fossil fuels than rich ones, Muslims in the rich countries are urged to play their part in reducing their consumption of fossil fuels.

Shrinking the Footprint is the **Church of England's** national strategic campaign to enable its members and institutions to address - in faith, practice, and mission - the pressing issue of climate change. It aims to challenge, encourage and support the whole body of the Church to shrink our environmental footprint to create "The 40% Church".

Hope in God's Future is a report and study guide to help individuals and local groups understand the position of **The Baptist Union, The Methodist Church** and **The United Reformed Church** on climate change; become aware of a vital connections between climate change and the Christian faith; transform lifestyles through studying, praying and acting on the issues; inspire others in the community and to live in harmony with the whole of creation

For **Quakers** in Britain the crisis of global climate change represents a supreme test of humanity's collective wisdom and courage. Our immoderate use of the Earth's resources violates the entire biosphere, threatening the lives of millions of people and the habitats of thousands of species. Many of the poorest people are already suffering a changed climate; they are asking us all to act.

Affordable Warmth Champions

We now have two specially trained volunteers in the area who have the knowledge to assist those in genuine Fuel Poverty (having to spend at least 10% of available income on heating.) We can supply details of who they are.

Did you know?

The average home uses 15,000kWh of gas and 3,300kWh of electricity per year.

Here's how much carbon is emitted into the atmosphere:

Energy Source	Kg of carbon per unit
Grid electricity	0.54 per kWh
Natural Gas	0.18 per kWh of heat
Heating Oil	0.24 per kWh of heat
Diesel	2.67 per litre
Petrol	2.32 per litre
Coal	2336.5 per tonne
Wood pellets	0.038 per tonne
Drinking water	0.59g of carbon per litre

One tonne of carbon will fill a balloon 10m across. The average individual in Shropshire is responsible for 8.63 tonnes of carbon emissions per year.

Find out your carbon score by signing up for a free survey. We are a charity and really won't try and sell you anything.

FREE home energy saving advice

- Are your energy bills rising?
- Do you worry about how much your next heating or electricity bill will be?
- Would you like to be more self sufficient energy wise?

Then you may appreciate a free energy checkup!

Request cards are available at the Information Centre, Town Council Office, Acorn Café, Entertaining Elephants, Anthony's Hairdressers or request a checkup through our website.

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