

Annual Report 2016/17




StrettonClimateCare
Think Global, Act Local

A message from David Howard, Chair



Stories are important to our lives. And here in Church Stretton we have a good story to tell. For ten years – and that is itself a reason to celebrate – Stretton Climate Care has committed itself to make a difference to our community, reducing our carbon footprint, helping people deal with their energy bills, advising on heating and insulation, and encouraging everyone to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle.

This is a story of effective action on a local level, of activism helping to build a community.

All across the country, communities

are doing it for themselves, unfazed by the dying embers of the carbon economy, and buoyed up by both a belief in a better future and a determination to do something about it.

To all our volunteers and supporters I say thank you for being part of this story. What stories will we be able to tell about Stretton Climate Care after the next ten years? That is up to us. But we know that we will travel hopefully.

Review: April 2016 to March 2017-Our Key Activities

- ◆ We screened jointly with Flicks in the Sticks a French film “The Ice and The Sky” which told the story of life long research by explorer Claude Lorius who tracked and analysed climate change through deep ice drilling
- ◆ We held the ninth Duck Race at Cardingmill Valley with enthusiastic participation by children and parents and the support of the National Trust
- ◆ Our volunteers have continued to work with Rushbury School to help pupils to monitor the weather take regular measurements of temperature, rainfall, humidity, wind and air pressure, and to interpret the results
- ◆ Held regular energy advice sessions to assist householders to save money and update their energy and lighting systems
- ◆ Gained benefits from the improved accessibility and clarity of our new website in terms of increased traffic and responses
- ◆ Progressively adopted our new logos on literature and displays
- ◆ Supported the proposed micro hydro scheme proposed by the National Trust in Cardingmill Valley.
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With Eric Brown, Flicks in the Sticks



Fun at The Duck Race

Review: April 2016 to March 2017-Our Key Activities- (cont)

- ◆ Put on an interactive display at the Community Games at Church Stretton School demonstrating the benefit of low energy bulbs
- ◆ Advised Church Stretton Town Council on energy efficient lighting for the new Sports Pavilion on Brooksbury Playing Field which will save money and have environmental benefits
- ◆ Published and widely distributed our newsletter on 2 occasions together with publication of regular articles in Stretton Focus.
- ◆ Held our 4th successful electric car show at Lion Meadow car park with increased participation and support
- ◆ Promoted the installation of additional Electric Vehicle Charge Points through advice and encouragement and working with many agencies and individuals.
- ◆ Encountered difficulties in recruiting new Trustees
- ◆ Provided advice to households on energy efficiency issues, including new boilers, insulation and renewable energy, through Stretton Focus, home visits, email & telephone.
- ◆ Pressed both local and central government to respond more positively to climate change through the planning system and the update of the local plan and to actively support renewable energy and heating
- ◆ Organised an illustrated talk by ESP Energy on battery storage to work alongside solar PV panels demonstrating the benefits and rapid progress that is being made with these technologies
- ◆ Enjoyed a fascinating presentation by Ambassador Helen Taylor on the work of Ecotricity and its charitable foundation
- ◆ Held discussions with other organisations on a Sustainable Strettons initiative which would take a wider perspective on sustainability than Stretton Climate Care could acting alone.
- ◆ Urged Shropshire Council and Church Stretton Town Council to respond positively to the Paris Agreement on climate change
- ◆ Responded to the consultation on the Modern Transport Bill and was mentioned in the Report to Parliament
- ◆ Organised a trip to see the impressive Energy Recovery Facility at Battlefield, Shrewsbury which provides renewable electricity for some 8000 homes



Mayor & Deputy Mayor at Brooksbury



Advice at the Electric Car Show



Helen Taylor, Ecotricity Ambassador



Mike Collison , ESP Energy



At the Energy Recovery Facility



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of Charity Name
STRETTON CLIMATE CARE (C10)

On accounts for the year ended 3 1 0 3 1 7 Charity no (if any) 1 1 5 9 8 1 6

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed Date 19th June 2017

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Charity Name Stretton Climate Care (CIO)		No (if any) 1159816		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2016	To	Period end date 31st March 2017	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	307			307	295
Donations & Fees	348			348	113
Local Fund Raising	871			871	433
Grants	500			500	280
Bank Interest	6			6	5
Referrals	50			50	50
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,082			2,082	1,176
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-			-	
Total receipts	2,082			2,082	1,176
A3 Payments					
Printing , Postage & Stationery	361			361	403
Accommodation & Rentals	157			157	202
Green Open Homes Event					400
Goods & Equipment	85			85	24
Publicity	83			83	2,133
Insurance					709
Other costs & Fees	385			385	227
Sub total	1,071			1,071	4,098
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	1,071	-	-	1,071	4,098
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,011			1,011	- 2,922
A5 Transfers between funds					-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,229			12,229	15,151
Cash funds this year end	13,240			13,240	12,229

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	TSB Current Account	1,942	-	
	TSB Deposit Account	11,298	-	
			-	-
	Total cash funds	13,240	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
			-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computer Equipment ,Screen etc	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Display Boards	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Exhibition Equipment	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Energy Meters	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>M J Hymas</i>	Michael Hymas	15 Sept 2017

Stretton Climate Care: Organisation and other Facts

Charity Name and Number and address

Stretton Climate Care is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Registered charity number 1159816. It was established in 2015, replacing a charity of the same name which was established in 2008.

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Finance

We have adequate funds. There was a £500 grant received from the National Lottery via Green ShropshireXchange at the start of the 2016/17 Financial Year for expenditure in the previous year. Public funding through grants has generally not been available and the potential for commission through the installation of energy efficiency measures has almost dried up as a result of government cut backs in support of such measures. It is the policy of Stretton Climate Care to operate as far as possible with a financial reserve equivalent to at least 9 months of our annual expenditure, and we comfortably exceeded that. The Committee receives a Report analysing expenditure and income at each of its meetings and controls expenditure accordingly. We do not undertake any significant fund raising and we are compliant with Charity Commission Fund Raising Guidelines and do not need to register with Fund Raising Regulator. We comply with Charity Commission guidelines for our financial controls.

Summary of Charitable Objects

for the benefit of the public in the Church Stretton area:

- a) the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment
- b) education about use of energy to reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions
- c) the relief of fuel poverty by promoting the efficient use of energy

Public Benefit

The Trustees of Stretton Climate Care have had regard to providing public benefit in delivering our services in accordance with advice from the Charity Commission. In particular our main service is to assess and advise on the carbon footprint and energy use of households and provide advice where appropriate on reducing this. This includes information on the choice of transport modes and vehicles. And we have also supported the development of renewable energy in our area. Our services are provided free of charge to any household in the community and we do our best to give priority to households in fuel poverty. We provide subsidiary activities and services, such as environmental films that are either free or subject to a small charge to cover costs. Other activities such as the duck race are intended to attract additional households to our service and although there is small charge for entry, our household advice service is free. Our activities also generate opportunities to advance education about conserving, protecting and improving the environment.

Trustees

The new Constitution provides for the election or appointment of up to 12 trustees. The current 9 Trustees are Michael Bourke, David Howard (Chair), Chris George (Treasurer), Jon Cooke (Publicity Officer) Mike Hymas (Secretary), Sam Jones, Steve Jones, Jamie Wrench (Vice Chair and Web Manager) and Jane Wrench. Sam and Steve Jones were appointed on 4th September 2017. Our Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting which is held in Autumn each year.

Other Information

We are dependent upon our dedicated and enthusiastic Volunteers who undertake all the functions of the organisation. There are no employees. We have joined Climate Action England- the successor to the Low Carbon Communities Network- and the Green Shropshire Exchange Network of environmental groups in Shropshire.

Structure of Stretton Climate Care

We have a Board of Trustees which makes the key decisions for the organisation. It has delegated many of its responsibilities to the General Management Committee. All Trustees are members of both Committees.

Our Volunteers

are an essential element of our organisation.

Without them we could not deliver our services. So here we list the names of those who are not Trustees who made Stretton Climate Care effective during the year:

John Annetts, Noel & Suzanne Beatty Meriel & Wally Blake, Liz Bourke, Alison & Brian Bradley, Isabel Carter, Rob Chapman, Richard Clements, Ann Cooke, David Gibbon, David Edwards, David Haigh, Trish Howard, David Jandrell, Wendy Lee, John Lloyd, Valerie Morris, Ken Smith, Bob Welch, Ken White, Margaret and Robert Wright plus many other occasional volunteers who make our services happen.

Our Supporters and Funders

- ◆ We are very grateful to the numerous individuals and bodies who helped achieve our work, especially our volunteers, funders and donors.
 - ◆ Some funds arose from commission received from referrals to ESP Energy and EZ Energy for renewable energy installations
 - ◆ We also received funds and/or support from a number of companies and organisations, including Agilent Technologies, Ambercouch, Burway Books, Chocolate Haven, Church Stretton Council, Church Stretton School, , Ginger & Green, Green Shropshire Xchange, MidCounties Co-operative, Entertaining Elephants, Jemima's Kitchen at Victoria House, Kaboodle, Kate Johnson, National Lottery, Rainbow's End, Salts, Sandford Hardware, Stretton Focus, Stretton Print and The National Trust
- We are grateful to all these bodies and people for their support**

Our Mission Statement:

To advance environmental protection and improvement by reducing the carbon footprint of the local area.

Aims and Objectives

- To raise awareness of issues concerning climate change and the need for action
- To promote a culture of climate care through reducing energy consumption, encouraging the generation of local renewable energy, and advancing a more sustainable lifestyle;
- To support local people in reducing emissions, and eliminating fuel poverty
- To provide a free home energy survey service
- To assist households and others to implement any recommendations on energy saving measures by giving them suitable and impartial advice and introducing them to appropriate agencies and suppliers
- To train a team of volunteers in surveying techniques, and energy saving and reduction technologies
- To run an education and training programme to promote a local culture of climate care
- To inform the community of national and local policy, and to influence debate
- To work with other agencies and local groups: a) to bring about a reduction in carbon emissions b) to address fuel poverty c) to promote a sustainable life style
- To campaign on issues in support of the above aims and objectives.



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