

# Annual Report 2017/18



Esther Griffin of 10:10



Martin Goodman, Ros Ephraim, James Thornton and David Howard



Mike Walker (Mayor), Jamie Wrench, Julie Sumpter (Coop Manager) & David Andrew



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## A message from David Howard, Chair



How shall we live today without compromising the needs of future generations? The questions of sustainability lies at the heart of our work in Stretton Climate Care.

Young people will now have a stronger voice in our community, with a new Youth Council, which we have sponsored and encouraged, together with the Town Council and Church Stretton School.

And by the end of the year, our “Sustainable Strettons” group will be well on its way to developing a vision for the future of our community – a vital addition to the local planning process, and, I hope, a challenge for all of us.

In our globalized world, dominated by special interests and with an increasing democratic deficit, it will be all the more important for local communities, groups and individuals to take the initiative and chart a route forward to a different way of life.

Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters for helping us on the journey.

## Review: April 2017 to March 2018-Our Key Activities

- ◆ Together with Burway Books, we hosted James Thornton, CEO of Client Earth who gave a fascinating presentation of his life’s journey and the serial victories over the government’s failure to effectively tackle air pollution
- ◆ We held the tenth Duck Race at Cardingmill Valley with enthusiastic participation by children and parents and the support of the National Trust
- ◆ Our volunteers supported a Hydro-Electric School Project Activity Day at Church Stretton School
- ◆ Held regular energy advice sessions at the Health & Wellbeing Centre to assist householders to switch tariffs, save money and update their energy and lighting systems
- ◆ We criticised Shropshire Council’s Community energy tariff which only offered consumers a 5% reduction on SSE’s standard tariff-some 20% more than Bristol Energy’s tariff. The Shropshire tariff has now been abandoned.
- ◆ We visited Ecotricity’s windmill factory in Gloucester where unfortunately nearly all of the production has to be exported because of government measures to prevent land based wind turbines which are the most efficient renewable power source



James Thornton & Martin Goodman at the Client Earth event



Hydro-electric power being developed at our School Project

## Review: April 2017 to March 2018-Our Key Activities- (cont)

- ◆ We continued to support Rushbury School with their weather monitoring project
- ◆ Published and widely distributed our newsletter on 2 occasions together with publication of regular articles in Stretton Focus providing advice on a wide range of energy issues
- ◆ Held our 5th successful electric car show at Lion Meadow car park with increased participation and support
- ◆ Esther Griffin of 10:10 made a lively and engaging presentation of what was and could be done to tackle climate change issues
- ◆ Visited homes in Central Avenue, Church Stretton and offered advice on energy issues to households
- ◆ We welcomed the completion of the solar farm near Acton Scott, which we supported through a successful planning appeal and the installation of a large scale solar PV array by Agilent Technologies
- ◆ We supported a series of presentations as part of Sustainable Strettons and supported and promoted the establishment of a Youth Council
- ◆ We made submissions to Shropshire Council in response to the Local Plan review advocating the need to address climate change and related issues
- ◆ We continued to press Shropshire Council to install more Electric Vehicle Charge Points
- ◆ We celebrated the 1000<sup>th</sup> use of the Electric Vehicle Chargepoint installed at Lion Meadow carpark
- ◆ We urged Church Stretton Town Council to encourage Shropshire County Pension Fund to dispose of its investments in fossil fuel related securities
- ◆ We lobbied our Member of Parliament about the Budget decision to largely eliminate funding support for renewable energy
- ◆ Provided talks on smart meters to other groups in our community
- ◆ Held a “Keeping the Strettons Warm” event jointly with Marches Energy Agency, Shropshire rural Community Council and Age UK to explain the funds available to support improving the energy efficiency of homes in our area.



Advice at the Electric Car Show



Fun at the Annual Duck Races at Cardingmill Valley



Keeping the Strettons Warm



Visiting Ecotricity's windmill factory



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name STRETTON CLIMATE CARE (CIO)

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2018

Charity no (if any)

1159816

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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

[Signature]

Date:

16 Apr 2018

Name:

LAURENCE DAVID NEWBROOK

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Dip Institute of Bankers

Address:

The Bank House, Longhills Rd., Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6AS

Charity Name Stretton Climate Care (CIO)	No (if any) 1159816
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2017	To	Period end date 31st March 2018
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	317			317	307
Donations & Fees	227			227	348
Local Fund Raising	940			940	871
Grants					500
Bank Interest	6			6	6
Referrals					50
Eco -Tricity Fares collected	233			233	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,723</b>			<b>1,723</b>	<b>2,082</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,723</b>			<b>1,723</b>	<b>2,082</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Printing , Postage & Stationery	362			362	361
Accommodation & Rentals	269			269	157
Eco - Tricity Visit Coach Hire	375			375	
Goods & Equipment	106			106	85
Publicity	60			60	83
Other Costs & Fees	773			773	385
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,945</b>			<b>1,945</b>	<b>1,071</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,945</b>			<b>1,945</b>	<b>1,071</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 222</b>			<b>- 222</b>	<b>1,011</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>13,240</b>			<b>13,240</b>	<b>12,229</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,018</b>			<b>13,018</b>	<b>13,240</b>

# 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	TSB Current Account	1,630	-	
	TSB Deposit Account	11,388	-	
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,018</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

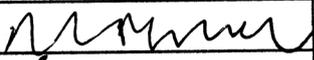
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Computer Equipment ,Screen etc	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Display Boards	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Exhibition Equipment	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Energy Meters	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M.Hymas	19.7.18
	C.George	16.4.18

# 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.

**Address:** Mayfair Community Centre, Easthope Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6BL  
email: [info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk](mailto:info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk) Website [www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk](http://www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk) Tel 07528 493181  
Also on facebook and Twitter

## Finance

We have adequate funds. 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. 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. We have reviewed our data security arrangements in the light of the General data Protection Regulation and taken actions to improve our security. There is a Statement on our website to set out our Policy.

## 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, Meriel & Wally Blake, Liz Bourke, Alison & Brian Bradley, Isabel Carter, Richard Clements, Ann Cooke, David Gibbon, David Edwards, David Haigh, Trish Howard, David Maddocks, Valerie Morris, Mark Tocknell, Bob Welch, Ken White, plus many other occasional volunteers who make our services happen.

**We are very grateful for their actions, support and dedication.**

## 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.
- ◆ We also received funds and/or support from a number of companies and organisations, including Agilent Technologies, Ambercouch, Burway Books, Chocolate Haven, Church Stretton Town Council, Church Stretton School, ESP Energy, Green Shropshire Xchange, Mid-Counties Co-operative, Entertaining Elephants, Jemima's Kitchen at Victoria House, Kaboodle, Kate Johnson, 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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